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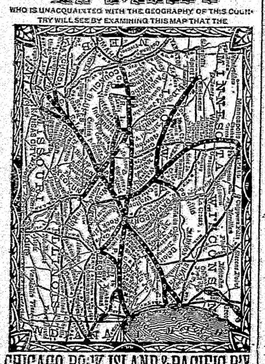
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And all throughout the dreadful fray
We felt our muscles steeled
For deeds which men may never know,
Nor page of history ever show.

My father, sir, with soul to dare,
Throughout the day and night,
Stood on old Little Round Top there
And watched the changeful fight,
And with a hoarse, inspiring cry,
Held up the stars and bars on high.

At last the flag went down, and then—
Ah! you can guess the rest—
I never saw his face again—
My father's loyal breast
Is strewn with these sweet flow'rs, I wot,
That seem to love this sacred spot.

The smoke of battle's cleared away,
And all its hatreds, too.
And as I clasp your hand to-day,
O, man who wore the blue,
On yonder hill I seem to see
My father smiling down on me.

—*Chicago News.*

Dr. Brown's Prescription.

"You ought to get married, Layton, and the sooner the better."

"Very good advice, doctor, I have no doubt," answered John Layton, a young and rising clergyman; "but then you know the old saying, 'Marry in haste, repent at leisure.'"

"Then don't marry in haste," returned the doctor, beating his boot with his riding-whip as he sat sidewise upon his horse. "Take your time over it."

"They told me that Mrs. Dredge was such a clean woman," said the young pastor, looking back into the garden rather dolefully, as he stood just outside the gate, talking to the doctor, who was going his round.

And certainly the prospect was not pleasant, for Mrs. Dredge, a very industrious widow by the way, was having what she called a "good clean;" and as it was a fine day, the whole of the parlor furniture had been moved about.

"Why don't you come and have a walk? Freshen you up."

"Well, I think I will," said the pastor. "Wait till I get my hat."

He ran in for his soft felt, and came back to find the doctor dismounted, and tying his pony's reins in a knot, so that they should not trail.

"Tick, Jacob!" he cried, as the pastor joined him; and the horse went steadily on in front, while its master walked with the young clergyman behind.

"Ah!" said the doctor, "I must get you a wife. Let me see."

"Don't you think my income ought to preclude all matrimonial ideas?" said John Layton, smiling.

"Pooh! nonsense! what's enough for one is enough for two," cried the doctor. "Come sir, none of your celibate ideas. How am I to live if people don't marry; and have children to be vaccinated and have the measles and scarlatina, and rashes, and all that sort of thing! Look here, marry a woman with money. What do you say to Miss Johnson, at Copley's farm? She has been to church regularly ever since you came. There's a strapper. Dark hair, dark eyes, good points—but she's so plump you can't talk of points. Warranted sound."

"Are you talking of a lady or a horse, doctor?"

"Lady, sir, lady. Then there's Miss Wardman; slim, genteel, and her nose is rather red certainly, but matrimony may take that away. What are you shaking your head about? She isn't fifty."

"Won't do, doctor, won't do."

"Oh, bless us and save us!" said the plump, hearty little doctor, with mock surprise. "He's particular and dainty, is he? Well, what do you say to Dolly Betts, the shopkeeper's daughter? Twenty, nice pink and white, good teeth, vaccinated her myself, had croup, measles, scarlet fever, chicken-pox and thrush. Regularly salted, you see, and the old man will leave her a round sum when he can't stick to it any longer."

"Try again," said the pastor, laughing, while they trudged sturdily on, with "Jacob" stopping every now and then to browse, and being left a good hundred yards behind; but the doctor paid no heed, and at the end of a few minutes the pony came trotting after them, went on in front, and kept there till he saw something else toothsome.

"Try again, eh? Why, you are particular! What do you say to Laura Peignton?"

"No, thank you."

"Well then, John Tannton's daughter Bridget? Ah! there's a girl for you. See her trot to hounds! Why, she leads the field, sir, and no fence or ditch can stop her."

"Ah, now you are talking sense, doctor," said John Layton, mockingly; "that's just the woman to share a poor clergyman's home, and visit his sick. She'd darn his stockings and sew his buttons, and help him to spread out his little income so that there might be enough and to spare for charity. A woman who would help him with her counsel and advice when trouble came upon him, and his spirit was low; a woman who would be a helpmate for him. Would your galloping Bridget Taunton do that?"

"No, I'll be blessed if she would, my lad. She drives me mad with her horsey slang and groomlike ways."

"Then we'll leave her out of the question," said the pastor, laughingly humoring the doctor in his prescribing fit.

"That's the sort of woman you want then, eh—one of that button-sewing, stocking-darning sort?"

"Yes."

"Full of sympathy and all that kind of thing?"

"Of course."

"Saving and ministering and gentle?"

"Yes."

"Sort of nineteenth-century angel in petticoats?"

"Yes."

"No objection to good looks? No Irish need apply, eh?"

"Place of birth no object, doctor," said the pastor laughing.

"Ah, now I see what you want," said the doctor with a droll twinkle in his eyes. "We'll soon put that right. There she is! Hi! Fanny!"

The minister started with astonishment as the doctor threw open the gate of what seemed to be a pretty cottage and held it while "Jacob" cantered through and began to enjoy himself among the grass. But what at once took the clergyman's attention was the sight of a young lady in a light grass-cloth dress, and soft gray hat, rising from a camp stool with a sketching-board in her hand, the spot where she had been sitting being beneath some pollard willows at the side of a large pond, and she stood for a moment hesitating before advancing to meet them.

As she came nearer, Layton could see that she had long, loosely-arranged, fair hair, a very sweet expression of countenance, that she was graceful and lady-like; that she was apparently about two or three and twenty, and perfectly calm and self-possessed.

"How are you, my darling?" said the doctor, kissing her affectionately. "Don't sit out there in the sun. Here, I've brought you a visitor, our parson—the Rev. John Layton. I want him to talk to you and see if he can't do you some good."

"Oh, uncle, why?" cried the girl, looking her astonishment, after returning the pastor's salute.

"Oh, I'm serious, my dear, and it's for your good. She's just out of that wicked New York, Layton—come to stay with my sister here. I want her ways mended."

"Why, uncle, what have I been doing?" she said, laughing so merrily that, as Mr. Layton gazed in her sweet, ingenuous face, with its brightening eyes and pleasant dimples, he wished she would laugh again.

"What have you been doing, miss? Why getting along with that wicked artistic lot. Parson, she uses the most terrible slang, and utters bad words. My wall-paper didn't please her and she called it a dado, and actually said my picture was hot and foxy."

"Oh, hush, uncle!"

"No, miss, I won't hush. Then she says *chiar-oscure*, a nasty foreign word, and all sorts of other things. You must lecture her, Layton, you must indeed. There, stop and have a chat with her. I told my sister I'd bring you over, and there'll be a bit of dinner in about an hour's time. I'll ride over and see Mother Baker and old Tim Rogers. Back in time."

"Then this was all planned," said Mr. Layton, quickly.

"To be sure it was, my dear boy I saw you were out of sorts, and you were grumbling last time I saw you about wanting society, so I thought I'd arrange this. There, ta-ta for the present."

"This is like a surprise, Miss Brown," said the visitor.

"My name is Anderson—Frances Anderson," said the pleasant, bright little vision that had, as it were, suddenly made its appearance in the pastor's narrow world. "I have not been very well, and uncle said I must come here for a change, so I am staying with Aunt Frances. Will you come in? Ah, here she is."

A pleasant, comely little widow body, wonderfully like the doctor, refined down, came toddling out of the cottage, just then, and Layton recognized her as lady who had once been over to the church.

"I am very glad to see you, Mr. Layton," she said warmly. "I don't come over to you often, for you see I belong to Mr. Morris's parish, though your church is nearer. Will you come in and sit down?"

"If you will allow me," said the parson, "I should like to stay in the open air. Everything is so beautiful at this time of year, and perhaps Miss Anderson will go on with her drawing. I take great interest in art."

"Do you? Then I will go on at once," said the girl eagerly. "When uncle comes back I'll see about a little fruit."

Jonn Layton had felt angry at first, not liking to be made the victim of what was rather like a practical joke; but before he had been ten minutes in Fanny Anderson's company, all that was forgotten, and he was delighted with her sweetness and utter absence of modern society young-ladyism. He was in fact chatting freely with a highly-cultivated girl, ardently in love with the art she practiced.

How the time passed under those shady willows neither of them knew, for Layton had proved himself to be no mean artist, and they were in the midst of a discussion on perspective when they were startled by the doctor's voice.

"Been two hours instead of one. Very sorry, but Mother Baker really is ill now. Fanny, my dear, get your aunt to make up a basket of odds-and-ends, and go and see the poor old soul."

"Oh, yes, uncle, I will," said Fanny; and the pastor felt a suspicious twinge as to whether this was got up; but no it was all perfectly natural, and to his great satisfaction there was nothing at the pleasant dinner that jarred. The doctor was quiet and gentlemanly, and never once approached a bantering tone; so that when the hour for parting came, the pastor felt that he had passed one of the pleasantest days of his life.

A week passed—a fortnight, and the doctor did not come near, so at last the Rev. John Layton found his way across to the little farm, to be warmly greeted, but still in a way that never once touched upon his susceptibilities. Mrs. Baker was not of his church, but he heard of her ailments and how many times Fanny had been over to see the poor old lady, what she had said and how grateful she was for a book being read to her for an hour or two, and so on.

The minister's next visit was at the end of a week, and that day there was some sketching done.

Next day old Dr. Brown called upon the minister and stopped chatting for an hour, but he never once mentioned Fanny Anderson's name. He, however, invited the minister to come and spend an evening with him; and they played chess, and went down the garden, for the doctor was proud of his patch, as he called it—a very extensive garden, by the way. But, to the minister's disappointment, no mention was made of Fanny's name.

Then came more visits to the farm; and then time ran on till Fanny had been fully four months a visitor at the cottage; and one soft, sunny, autumn noon when, according to his now frequent custom, the parson had walked over to the farm, he found her by the gate with a letter in her hand.

The grass was as soft as velvet, and the pastor's footsteps were unheard, so that he was close to Fanny Anderson before she looked up, and he saw that her cheeks were wet with tears.

A sudden pang, such as he had never before felt, shot through his breast at the sight of her pained face, and he stepped forward and caught her hand in his.

"You are in trouble," he said. "You have heard bad news."

"I ought not to call it trouble," she replied, coloring slightly. "I ought not, perhaps, to call it bad news; but I have been so happy here," she said, with a plaintive look in her eyes, as she gazed round the place with its verdant fields and changing woods. "Everything has been so calm and peaceful, and I have been so well, Mr. Layton, that I quite dread the city with its dingy streets."

"Yes," said Layton, in a low voice, "you are much changed since you came. Do you leave us soon?"

"My aunt with whom I live in the city says she shall expect me to-morrow night, and I fear I have been very ungrateful to her in staying away so long."

There was a minute's silence then, during which both seemed to be gazing wistfully at the willows by the little lake.

"Will you try and finish the sketch?" he said at last.

"Yes," she replied, sadly; and going in, she returned with her folio, which he took from her mechanically and placed beneath his arm as they walked slowly and in silence toward the pool, and then round to the farther side beneath the old willow-trees.

He had never spoken words of love to her, serious or light. Her intercourse with him had been that of one of the sweetest and most ingenuous of her sex, but now it had come upon them suddenly that this was the last day of the sweet communion they had enjoyed, and all the future seemed to be a blank.

John Layton was very silent as they walked on gazing straight before them, till, looking around, he saw that Fanny was walking with her hands clasped together, and that her tears were falling fast.

"Don't—don't," he cried, passionately, for the sight of her grief unmanned him, "I cannot bear to see you like this." She looked up at him wistfully, and the folio fell to the ground. Not another word was spoken then, but he caught her hands in his and stood gazing almost wildly in her soft wistful eyes. Then she snatched them away and covered her face, sobbing now aloud.

"Fanny," he said, laying his hand upon her arm, "this has come like a surprise. I ought not, perhaps, to speak, but I am carried out of my ordinary way of thinking by—by this shock. I am so poor—merely a country parson—but I love you better than I can tell."

"Oh, hush!" she said, between her sobs.

"I ought not to have spoken—I ought not to have sent you away thinking of my folly, but the words would out. I ought to have had more self-command, but this news seemed to tell me how necessary you had become to my existence. It has been so sweet a time, and now—forgive me—it must end."

"Must end," she said, softly, repeating his words.

"I have been cruel to you to speak as I have. It was my want of self-control. Fanny, God bless you! Good-bye. I cannot stay."

He had turned to go, but a faint cry arrested him, and, as he saw the blank, despairing face and anguished eyes of her whom he was about to leave, his heart leaped within him, and the next moment Fanny Anderson was sobbing upon his breast.

It was a very solitary place fortunately, but they came to their senses after Fanny had softly owned that it would break her heart to have to leave that pleasant, simple Eden now. Perhaps if the Adam had been transferred to the city she might have altered her opinion, but he was not going to be transferred, and so they went on, in and out among the willow trees, talking of their future, when they both started guiltily, as a voice behind them said:

"Ah, here you are then, eh?"

It was the doctor, and a quiet smile full of drollery stole over his face as he said:

"I found a letter at home from auntie saying you are to go back at once, and I went to tell Layton, but I found he had come here, and—is it all right?"

No one answered.

"You'll come back again, won't you, my darling?" said the doctor.

"Oh, uncle!" she cried; and the tears overflowed once more, as she flung her arms around his neck, kissed him, and then fled toward the cottage.

"Ah!" said the doctor, "I've never said a word since I brought you over that day. I thought I'd let matters take their own course. I prescribed, and you took the medicine like a man. John Layton, you've won about the best and truest girl I ever knew."

"*The* best and truest," said the pastor, holding out his hand.

"And not the poorest either, for I always look upon her as my child, and some day perhaps—well, there, John Layton, I'm very, very, very glad."

The sequel to this needs no telling.

The Rabbit Nibbled.

An old hunter relates an amusing anecdote of camp-life. He was with a hunting party, the other members of which were one night asleep around their camp-fire. The dim light fell directly upon the figure of a stalwart young backwoodsman, with his head resting across a stick of wood for a pillow, and his heavy breathing telling of the profoundest slumber.

"I saw," said the hunter, "a rabbit steal from the bushes and cautiously approach him. With his nose close to the ground he smelled around, until he came to the sleeper's hand outstretched upon the leaves. Some fragments of johnny-cake still clinging to his thumb deceived the rabbit into the belief that the thumb was eatable, and he put his teeth into it. This awakened the backwoodsman, who, rising to a sitting posture, looked wildly around him, and examined his thumb. All was quiet. Imagining that he had, in his dreams, thrashed his hand about and struck a splinter, he fell back, and was soon fast asleep.

"In a little while the rabbit stole forth again, and creeping cautiously up to the large, greasy thumb, commenced nibbling it, and at length his teeth met through it. This roused the poor fellow with a start, and he caught a glimpse of the rabbit, as, with his long ears laid flat on his back, he scampered into the bushes. King looked a moment at the place where he had disappeared, and then at his bleeding thumb, muttering: 'There, I've ketched you at it! now—you'd better be off!'

"The serious tone in which this was said was so comical that I burst into loud laughter. The look of innocent wonder, the muttered imprecation, and the surprise and terror of the poor rabbit combined so much of the serio-comic, that I laughed till I woke the whole camp, who inquired what was the matter. A loud shout followed the explanation, which gradually died away into silence as one after another dropped to sleep again.

"Some time after, the crack of a rifle started us up. The poor rabbit was the sufferer this time. Ben King had lit his pipe and sat watching for the little creature, gun in hand, and when it crept out he fired and killed it."

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A PROFESSIONAL POISONER.

A Noted Thug of India and His Diabolical Work.

To those who believe that the practice of thuggee has been completely put down in India, the story of Sharfu or Sharifuddin, whose career of crime has just terminated by his being sentenced to transportation for life, will come as an unpleasant revelation. Sharfu was the son of a butcher in a small village in the Punjab, and when yet a boy he developed a marked taste not only for gambling, but even for card-sharping. At the age of eighteen, having quarrelled with his father, he left his native village and attached himself to a party of horse dealers. He then joined the Bareilly police, but was shortly afterward sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment for injuring his wife, the daughter of Thakur, whom he had abducted. In the Bareilly jail he came in contact with Tikka Ram, the head of a band of poisoners in the northwest province. On their recovering their liberty they resumed opperations together, making their headquarters in the town of Agra. After six years' work of undetected crime, of which the details have not been revealed, the two fell out and Sharfu joined the police force again, only, however, to be dismissed in a few months. It was after this occurrence that he resumed his operations as professional poisoner on his own account. His mode of working was simple. Disguising himself as a well-to-do native of Oude he used to waylay and enter into conversation with those natives of the province who happened to be returning with their savings. His favorite scene of operations was on the Grand Trunk road. Once he had struck up the companionship with these unsuspecting travelers it was an easy matter to take food with them, and Sharfu rarely failed to introduce the opium or *dhatura* needed to drug his victims, whom he speedily relieved of their savings. Most of these unwary persons recovered when pursuit was useless, but many of them died. His operations between the years 1867 and 1872 were particularly numerous and successful, and official reports recognized the extent to which thuggee prevailed in Punjab during that period. In July, 1881, his secret was revealed by Tikka Ram's wife, with whom he had been living for fourteen years; and he had only just sufficient warning to make a hurried retreat in Rajpootana. There he renewed his old practices, and placed his services at the disposal of those who had inconvenient relatives to be got rid of, and who would pay handsomely for the dangerous work. He long baffled the pursuit of the officials, and it was not until the present year that he was discovered through the instrumentality of Tikka Ram, undergoing a short term of imprisonment in Agra jail under a different name. Brought up for trial at Loodiana, he admitted his guilt of ninety-six cases of murder or drugging, and was sentenced to death, which was afterward modified to transportation for life. Sharfu's long impunity shows the great difficulty of detecting crime in India, at the same time that it reveals the extensive organization which criminals have formed, in the Punjab at all events. Much light has recently been thrown by Dr. Leitner on the argot which thieves in the Punjab have framed for their own use, and of which Government officials are absolutely ignorant.—*London Times.*

A Plea for the Little Ones.

Don't expect too much of them. It has taken forty years, it may be, to make you what you are, with all the lessons of experience; and I will dare say you are a faulty being at best. Above all, don't expect judgment in a child, or patience under trials. Sympathize in their mistakes and troubles; don't ridicule them.

Remember not to measure a child's trials by your standard. "As one whom his mother comforteth," said the inspired writer, and beautifully does he convey to us the deep, faithful love that ought to be found in every woman's heart, the unfailing sympathy with all her children's griefs. When I see children going to their father for comfort, I am sure there is something wrong with their mother.

Let the memories of their childhood be as bright as you can make them. Grant them every innocent pleasure in your power. We have often felt our temper rise to see how carelessly their plans were thwarted by older persons, when a little trouble on their part would have given the child pleasure, the memory of which would last a lifetime.

Lastly, don't think a child hopeless because it betrays some very bad habits. We have known children that seemed to have been born thieves and liars, so early did they display these undeniable traits; yet we have lived to see those same children become noble men and women and ornaments to society. We must confess they had wise, affectionate parents. And, whatever else you may be compelled to deny your child by your circumstances in life, give it what it most values—plenty of love.

The Old Elm Tree.

As
I sat
beneath
an old elm
tree, the wind
went whistling by.
It bent its boughs
and softly breathed the
following with a sigh: 'I
have lived here for many a year
and seen the summer come and
go. The spring time with its flowers
and rain, the autumn with its fruit
and grain; the winter with its chilling
blast, when with snow and ice the skies
are overcast. In summer time beneath my
shade have children often played, and oh,
how oft, beneath my boughs have lovers renewed their plighted vows, and many a time the
old and feeble have sought my shade to smoke
their pipes or ply the needle; and thus it's
been with smiles and tears I have watched
them come and go for three-score years,
and many a tale I could tell of
what in that time befell. But age
is creeping o'er my head
and I fear my roots
are getting
dead;
and
soon
I'll wither
and
decay
like
those
who sought
my shade each day."

A CHIEF.—Nearly forty years ago the Comanches raided Texas and carried into captivity Cynthia Parker. A few years afterward she married a Comanche chief, and of this union a son named Quinnih was the fruit. Gen. Sul Ross recaptured Cynthia Parker, and she returned to Texas much against her will, and died. Her son remained with the tribe, and is now their chief.

THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

WHAT WE FIND TO SMILE OVER IN THE HUMOROUS PAPERS.

The Lime-Kiln Club—A Bright Boy—The Young Man—Plantation Philosophy—The Union Square Barber, Etc., Ect.

SQUELCHED.

In the Lime-Kiln Club, Nelson Slabs arose and offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, Dat de bes' wishes of dis Lime-Kiln Club am hereby extended to de False Prophet of Egypt."

Cranberry Johnson supported the resolution, while Juniper Smith was seen to move back into the fifth row, as if he expected the splinters to fly.

"Brudder Slabs, who writ dat resolution?" inquired the President in a voice full of knot-holes.

"I—I reckon it was a man on de ma'ket, sah."

"What do you know 'bout de False Prophet?"

"N—nuffin', sah. Hain't de resolution all right?"

"Nelson Slabs, you sot down wid all your might! You am fined $600 fur makin' a fool o' yourself, an' you may feel thankful dat you has escaped havin' yer head sand-papered! As fur you, Brudder Johnson, you am fined $150 fur playin' second fiddle."—*Detroit Free Press.*

A BRIGHT BOY.

"Yes," continued Featherly, who was spending an evening at his girl's home, "I have labored under the impression——"

"There, ma, do you hear that?" asked Bobby, the pride of the household.

"Bobby, you mustn't interrupt people when they are talking; it is very rude," said his mother. "Did I hear what?"

"What Mr. Featherly said about laboring under an impression, or something like that."

"Yes; but what of it?"

"Why, don't you remember what you said at the supper-table to-night, that Mr. Featherly was too lazy to work?"

IN SCHOOL.

Teacher—"Define eternity."

Pupil—"Please, ma'm, I've forgotten what the word means."

Teacher—"Eternity means 'endless time.' Do you understand that?"

Pupil—"Please, ma'm, I don't."

Teacher—"I am not surprised; it is a poor definition, anyhow. If you were never to die you would live on through eternity. If workmen should begin to build something and put on one stone a year and never, never get done, that structure would be an eternity in building and would never be finished. Now see if you can give me a definition of your own. What is eternity?"

Pupil—"The Bartholdi pedestal."

PLANTATION PHILOSOPHY.

De wise man an' de fool doan quarrel, but two fools or two wise men kain't get along so well.

De man what marries a 'oman 'cause she's got more sense den he has is neber allowed ter lose sight o' da fack.

De chile dat too soon shows signs o' smartness doan turn out ter be de smartest man. De fust cotton dat opens is neber de bes'.

Eben 'mong de animals 'pearances makes a difference, fur ef de blackbird had bright feathers in his wing we'd think dat his song was much sweeter.

De gigglin' girl generally turns out ter be de woman what doan laff much, an' lemme tell yer, marridge an' a lot o' chillun will take de chuckle outen de mos' o' 'em.

De fox is not only smart, but he is de mos' perticular o' all de animals. He is mighty playful, but he nebber get so fur los' in de persuit o' his pleasure dat he neglecks his business; an' as soon as he stops playin' he is so mighty cunnin' dat yer would tink dat he nebber paid any 'tention ter frolick. De coon has also got some fun in him, but it is a sort o' dull an' oberfed kine o' sport, fur he nebber plays till arter he eats an' arter he gets thro', w'y he's dun eat so much dat he doan feel much like caperin' 'roun'.—*Arkansas Traveler.*

TWO FOR A QUARTER.

He was smoking a fine, full-flavored Havana when he met his friend.

"Have a cigar?" he inquired politely.

"Thanks," said the other gracefully, taking and lighting the proffered weed.

After a few experimental puffs, however, the friend removed the cigar from his lips, and looking at it doubtfully said, with a very evident abatement in his tone.

"What do you pay for these cigars?"

"Two for a quarter," replied the original proprietor of both weeds, taking his own cigar out of his mouth and looking at it with considerable satisfaction: "This cost me twenty cents and that five."—*Puck.*

CUTTING A WATERMELON.

"Father, I see by the papers that Mr. Gould talks of cutting a watermelon."

"Yes, my son."

"Is it a big melon?"

"Rather large."

"And very ripe?"

"Well, pretty ripe."

"And it is good of him, isn't it?"

"Very good—just like Mr. Gould."

"When he cuts it will he give all the boys a slice?"

"Not exactly, my son—not for Joseph! He will simply cut the melon in two."

"And then?"

"And walk off with a half under each arm to devour the meat by himself, and plant the seeds to fool the boys another time!"—*Wall Street News.*

ALL A CHOKE.

"Dot's a curious dings apowd chokes," said the Union Square barber. "A choke may in von blace pe very funny, und dree feet away pe no choke ad all. Now, you chust see if you dink dis is funny, alretty. A nice olt chendleman is riting mit a railroat drain of cars, und he is dinking uf serious dings. He dinks uf life, uf peezness, uf der cares von a family, und such a sort of dings. A young monkey feller is riting also mit der same car. He dinks apowid foolishness. Der drain sdops, und beople get owid. Bresently der drain sdarts again. Der young veller says to der olt chendleman:

"'Py Chimany! You see dot chendleman py der sdation? He has left his valise, und dare it is py der negst seat, py golly! Dot's doo pad.'

"Der old chendleman says:

"'Here, I chuck it to him, alretty.'

"So he der vinder obens, fires owid der pig valise und hollers to der man, vich looks at him mit surbrise. Der drain goes like der teffil. Choost der same dime a man vot is in der car crabs der olt chendleman und bunches hees nose und chokes him right away. He says:

"'Vot insite der mischief dit you sdeal my dings und fire 'em avay from der vinder?' und bunches und chokes him ofer some more. Der young feller vot vos der originashun of der whole dings, he hollers und laughs und sgreams, und says uf somepody ton'd pinch him he'll die right avay. Do you dink dot's a choke?"

"Yes," said the reporter; "don't you?"

"No, I ton'd," the barber replied. "Dot olt chendleman is me. Dot's a choke py der negst shair, alretty, pegause der monkey parber is der young veller. Dot's der vay I sbend Danksgifing, gudding blaster on my nose und gidding my eyes bainted."—*N. Y. Sun.*

THE GOING MAN.

On a certain Monday morning, a
Banker in his chair,
Gazed vacantly upon his safe; his
Cashier wasn't there.

And thus in peevish, fretful mood, with
Much uneasy air,
The banker heard a foot-fall a-
Coming up the stair

The door was opened and he saw the
Cashier's wife in tears—
"O, tell me where's my husband? Pray,
Ease my anxious fears."

He took the situation in, with sym-
Pathetic looks.
Said she, "Pray, search the river." Said
He, "Pray, search the books!"

—*Paul Pry in Life.*

IN A NEW YORK BOUDOIR.

"Have yez been to the big loan exhibition, I dunno?"

"Indade I have, and wus n't it foin, though."

"And phat did yez go fur? It is fur nothing but a pedestal for a big image to go on Bedloe's Island."

"Sure, now, yez must be mistaken."

"Indade I'm not. The doorkeeper towld me so himself."

"Blast the spalpane of a ticket seller, thin. I axed him phat the show was fur, and he towld me it was fur the dynamite fund, or I would not a-gone in at all, at all."—*Philadelphia Call.*

GET HIM NEXT TIME.

A deaf old fellow, charged with stealing a hog was arraigned before a court. The jury, without leaving the box, returned a verdict of guilty.

"Old man," said his lawyer, "the jury says you are guilty.

"Hay?"

"The jury says you are guilty," shou

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Recollections of Otisfield.

BY MARK TAPLEY.

Before proceeding farther with our sketches of past events we would ask the reader to return with us to a former chapter where some omission on our part may give a wrong idea or perhaps make our statements appear hardly plausible. Of this we are reminded by an article which appeared in the Oxford *Democrat* of Dec. 3rd. apparently emanating from the talented and gentlemanly Oxford correspondent of that paper. Now we wish by way of apology to say a few words regarding this matter well knowing there are errors of omission as well as commission each producing the same result. To begin with we never had the least idea of writing a complete history of this town, this thing is now being done by a man of ability who has the records and all the necessary information required, but all we purpose is to record a few of the amusing and notable incidents as they have been recounted to us together with the manners and customs of a society in olden times. Also what has come under our immediate observation during our forty-six years of intimate acquaintance. We are merely writing for our amusement and that of our friends not thinking that our homespun and ill composed sketches would be noticed enough to elicit a remark from any literary critic. We generally write in a hurry and seldom correct our manuscript, writing entirely from memory it is not at all strange that we should be guilty of some errors which if our friends will remind us of we will cheerfully correct.

Now as regards the sufferings of the people and Uncle Tom's roasting potatoes, no person could have been long a resident of this town without hearing of this affair. But our error consisted in the omission of a very important item, we gave no dates presuming too much on the general knowledge of the present generation and not considering that class. Too many of the young people of this day have crammed their heads and addled their brains by a constant reading of dime novels, the Police News and that kind of literature, till they have but a small idea of the past history of our country.

Now most people know that the embago was laid on our commerce in the year 1812, which pretty much destroyed business, that for three successive years the crops were cut off almost entirely, when bread could not be obtained for love or money. These were times that tried men's souls. No railroads to bring corn from the West and no West to bring it from. We were just out of a war with England, our shipping pretty much destroyed and no money. Our parents used to tell us they had been without bread for weeks at a time. Some have told us that their hunger had been so great they would chew birch twigs and go up chamber and pick kernels of corn and broken beans from the cracks in the floor and poach them to eat.

Capt. Wm. Stevens, who died in Poland, a former resident of Norway, being one of a large family, who were raised on the farm now owned by M. J. Rowe, once gave a touching account of their sufferings in time of this dreadful famine:—"Often times we would go to bed hungry and cry ourselves to sleep and sometimes we couldn't sleep for hunger. One day we made a trap called a figure four and caught a gray squirrel. We dressed him and concluded we would have a soup, so after placing our game in the pot to boil we went up chamber and dug all the kernels of corn and fragments of beans from the cracks making nearly a quart. These we put with our squirrel to make our soup. When our soup was done we placed it on the table and with our wooden spoons all ate from the same dish. Dear old mother declined to partake till the children had satisfied their hunger. We then went out to the big maple and sat and sarg three hours. Oh! won't we happy creatures," said the good old man. Well did the wiseman say "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a stalled ox and hatred thereof."

Fair crops of wheat were raised in some localities. Wm. Reed tells us that his father in the year 1816 raised 32 bushels of wheat on an acre of land, it being situated on the northerly slope of Meeting-house Hill, but this was an uncommon occurance.

Uncle John Emery of Poland tells us that the Mcguire Island in Thompson Pond furnished West Poland in bread that year. i. e., enough to keep them from starving.

This Island was then owned by Edmund Mcguire one of the first settlers of that beautiful hill which still bears his name. Pretty much the entire island was fell, burnt and cleared the year before and this year planted with corn. Some of our readers perhaps would like to know the process of planting burnt land.

The usual method is very simple and a crop on burnt land is very easily cultivated. The thick mat of fallen leaves by being burnt is reduced to a charred substance called scurf. This is generally very fertile. If this substance is destroyed it makes the land almost worthless for a long time. The planter takes a narrow hoe strikes a smart blow in the scurf, raises the flake, drops in the seed, withdraws the hoe and strikes two or three blows with the eye of the instrument and the thing is done. No further cultivation is needed except to pass between the rows once or twice and cut down the wild weeds which is very easily done.

Well, this island was by good luck planted with corn. Being surrounded by water the heavy fogs destroyed the effect of the frosts and a splendid crop was the result. Uncle Edmund was one of the best of men and many were the bushels given to the poor, starving people during that terrible winter.

The stock was nearly all killed off (except what starved) but as all things have an end so did this famine, it being succeeded by years of plenty. The wilderness blossomed like the rose and the land yielded splendid crops. The people in their prosperity soon forgot (in a measure) their former sorrows. Many a cold winter's night have we sat by big hard wood fires and listened with the most profound interest, while our parents recounted the sufferings and privations endured by the people of olden times.

To be continued.

A Beautiful Gift.

The Great Rock Island Route has issued a new and most comprehensive Cook Book, of 128 pages, filled with new and reliable receipts from the best caterers of this and other countries. No housewife can affort to be without it; and though worth one dollar, it will be sent to any address, postpaid, upon receipt of ten cents in stamps. As they will go like hot cakes send at once to E. St. Jonn, G. T. & P. A., Chicago, Illinois.

WEST PARIS.

Mr. G. W. Tytherleigh is to start up and re-stock his fish cart next week for the winter's campaign. He will keep a full assortment of fish.

NORTH PARIS.

Rev. Seth Benson has been confined to his house for the past two Sabbaths, by an injury to his leg, caused by a slip on the ice. It was quite a disappointment to him, not being able to preach Christmas as his people at Bryant's Pond had prepared their house for a Christmas sermon and he had prepared one for the occasion. He was unable to meet his appointment at Greenwood last Sabbath, but will return to his school at Howe Hill this week.

Miss J. Etta Benson is teaching school in Canton, with her usual success.

Our village school is being taught by Miss Clara Bryant of Bryant's Pond. Miss Bryant not only keeps a good school, but secures the love of her scholars. At our Christmas tree they remembered her with a very nice writing desk.

Ellingwood & Washburn have purchased a four horse engine for their chair factory, and are preparing to set it up as soon as possible.

Our church vane came so late in the season, we shall not be able to put it up until spring.

Mr. J. B. Richardson got one of his fingers badly torn while shoeing an ox last week. The same ox knocked out several of his teeth while shoeing him on a former occasion.

EAST OTISFIELD.

There was a Christmas tree at the South Otisfield church Monday evening Dec. 24th, and Christmas evening, Dec. 25th, there was a festival at the school house on Scribner Hill.

The Otisfield praying band will hold a meeting Jan. 6th, 1884 at the Oak Hill school-house at half past ten o'clock, a. m.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

A sudden carefulness has taken possession of all pedestrians since last week's thaw. Owing to this unwonted cautiousness but few serious bumps have been received if any.

The sick people are generally on the mend.

A fire broke out in the fine large residence of Emerson Wilkins, at the Flat last Sunday night about midnight, and burned it to the ground. They saved much of the furniture. Insured for $1,600. The loss must have been more than double that.

Miranda Billings has returned from a circuitous visit to the east part of the state.

E. W. Ayer is convalescent, but we have not yet heard his merry laugh in the street.

The long looked for snow sets the legs to running. Haynes and Marr are drawing a lot of pine from John Atherton's to the mills in the village.

Sumner Fogg and family are visiting at J. R. Hall's.

Waterford now has a noon mail via. Bridgton.

CASCO.

Business is very quiet at Casco Village, not snow enough to make good sleighing. People in this vicinity who have an interest in the lumber business are waiting anxiously for more snow. The thaw that we have had recently has done lots of good in supplying man and beast with water.

M. S. Eastman who keeps the Eastman House, is a right good fellow for the place and never allows any of his guests to go away hungry. Many a weary traveller passes happy hours in listening to Mr. Eastman's funny stories, of which he is brimful.

John E. Holden who keeps a dry goods store, is having a good sale for his goods. He is also post-master and fills the position satisfactory to all.

Dr. Chas. H. Young of this village, has a very handsome black horse eleven years old, and weighs nine hundred pounds. (Morgan Blood) The doctor has driven him during the six and one half years that he has owned him twenty-six thousand miles. The doctor's practice is large and he does all his driving with this horse.

ENOCH ARDEN.

SWEDEN.

A splendid Christmas tree at C. W. Bennett's and a gathering of the Bennetts, children and relatives of the late William Bennett to the number of thirty-four were present and spent the evening most agreeably. Readings, recitations, tableaux and singing were in order, then a distribution of the presents which were splendid and many of them valuable. The presents ranged in value between five cents and seven hundred dollars. All present report an exceedingly enjoyable time.

George S. Bennett has started a grocery store in a building opposite the steam mill. This building was used some years by E. W. Bennett for a general store, but for the last few years no trading has been done there.

Oak bolts are now being hauled to the stave mill by the Knights company for H. Dawes of Harrison. They have cut about 200 cords on one lot. The Knights company do not buy oak for themselves this season, for they have one thousand shook now made up and staves enough for four thousand more on hand with no chance for a paying sale at present.

C. W. Bennett is having his birch timber cut on lot No. 50, and as soon as sufficient snow comes will put on teams to haul it to the mill.

The stock, farming tools and household stuff of the late Franklin Hosmer was sold at auction the 19th ult., and the farm is for sale and can be bought at a good bargain.

The Haskell family is making coats as usual.

J. Nelson Adams has returned from Gilead. The risk to life and limb among the fallen trees is greater than his love of money.

A petition has been sent to headquarters for a mail route from Bridgton to the P. O. at Sweden, and for a new P. O. at the south part of the town. A daily mail is what is desired and what we should have, and hopes are entertained that the petition will be favorably considered.

BROWNFIELD.

We have been sampling weather for two or three weeks past. We have one and sometimes two or three different kinds every day; but few have been wholly satisfactory, Dec. 28th the wind blew as hard here as at any time during the cyclone of a few weeks ago.

C. E. Allard, who has been at home a couple of weeks during the holidays, returns to Boston Jan. 5th.

The school in dist. No. 1 closes Jan. 4th, after a very successful term of seven weeks taught by J. F. Manson of Ossipee.

Mrs. M. C. Peary is very sick with lung fever. It is feared that she cannot recover.

Mrs. E. S. Jordan is expected home from Boston where she has been spending a few weeks with her son, Dr. Jordan. We shall be very glad to have her with us once more; but are sorry that poor health hastens her return.

NORTH BUMFORD.

Severe colds are prevailing.

Wells and aqueducts are low, and unless we have rain soon many will be forced to bring water from the streams.

Cattle are wintering well, and are in good condition. Every one is logging a little.

HEBRON.

There was a large and pleasant gathering in the Chapel Christmas evening. The trees and tables were well loaded with gifts, and the exercises, consisting of singing, recitations and select readings, were very enjoyable, some of the parts being excellently rendered. The singing by the Hebron Male Quartette was very fine as usual, and there was good music also by others, both vocal and instrumental.

The pastor, who is also supervisor of schools, has the pleasure of preaching to good congregations on the Sabbath, and among his hearers are six of the teachers in town.

Mr. Asa George and daughter, of Rumney, N. H., are visiting his brother, C. H. George, esq. S.

OXFORD.

The annual Christmas Festival for the benefit of the Sabbath School connected with the Methodist Church in this village, was held at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 25th. The weather being favorable the house was crowded, and the entertainment was pronounced a success by all present. The programme was well selected, consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc. Songs were sung by Amy Jones, Hattie Smith, Ella Folsom, Annie Robinson, George Kavanaugh and Geo. H. Jones, all of which were listened to with marked attention and received the hearty applause of the entire audience. The presents were many and some quite valuable. The pastor, Rev. C. S. Cummings, received $17.00, while the profits to the school amounted to $30.00. The steady progress and lively interest manifested in this school for some years past, speak volumes of praise for Mr. Jones and his corps of teachers, whose patient and untiring labors have done so much for the rising generation. In our humble opinion no one thing is better calculated to fit young people to become useful and respected members of society than a well organized and conducted Sabbath School. Ella Folsom's beautiful song "Violets under the Snow," was greeted by deafening applause, which was continued for a long time. Little Mabel French, aged 3 years, in one of the recitation dialogues fairly brought the house down, while the little midget stood awe struck as though she had committed some unpardonable offence.

The Congregationalist festival was held at the school-house Monday evening. We were not present so we can not speak of its merits or demerits, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, we understand there were not many present.

Choir rehearsals are held at the house of Geo. H. Jones every Saturday evening. Mr. Jones labors hard to elevate the standard of music in this place, and we hope and trust his efforts are in some degree appreciated.

We believe every person in town but your unworthy scribe and humble servant received a Christmas present of some kind. We did feel a little discomfited at first, when we beheld the many happy and smiling faces around us. But as we, like our illustrious predecessor whose name we bear, make it a point to be jolly under all circumstances, and considering we have more old traps about our premises already than is profitable, we concluded to put a good face on the matter. So we laughed as loud as the more fortunate ones, and went home light hearted and empty handed. MARK TAPLEY.

Mrs. Morey, who has lived at the town farm for a number of years, was taken to the Hospital for the Insane at Augusta last Monday by selectman Coy. Two of her sons, who by the aid of the Wanderer's Home at Boston found homes in Ohio, have been in town visiting their friends and acquaintances.

The Methodist Society at Welchville gave their Christmas festival on the evening of the 26th. The church was crowded and the entertainment was very good considering the limited talent with which they had to work. Both of the trees were loaded and a number of very handsome and costly presents were noticed. VOX.

Thomas Baker met with a serious accident on Monday, as he was passing from his door yard to the street his feet slipped on the ice and he fell striking on the back of his head inflecting a bad scalp wound and shaking him up badly.

There were 95 scholars present on Christmas Sunday at the M. E. Sunday School.

Fred Cary has left Baker's store, and Chas. Jordan has moved into his shoes as graceful as possible.

Jones' Drug Store is not as full as it was before Christmas, but still there is enough left.

Watson Bros. are having all the work they can possibly attend to, customers coming from considerable distance to have their horse shoeing done, as they are A. No. 1 blacksmiths.

Quite a number attended the Christmas tree at Welchville on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Winfield French has been very sick with erysipelas.

B. F. Flood and family have moved to Gilead, N. H. for the winter. We shall miss Ben's genial countenance.

We wish Merrill Brackett to understand that we appreciate his kindness in breaking out the sidewalks on Pleasant St. FELIX.

"OVER THE HILLS TO THE POOR HOUSE"

A person with impaired or impoverished blood is on the road to physical bankruptcy. *Burdock Blood Bitters* strengthen and enrich the circulation, repair the tissues, and build up the entire system.

BOLSTER'S MILLS.

The singing school in this place, which has been under the charge of Granville Fernald, closed Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th, with a public exhibition at the church. Mr. Fernald has been teaching several other schools during the autumn and winter.

Christmas was observed in this vicinity by gatherings at several places. At Spurr's Corner the people assembled at the church on Tuesday evening of last week and spent an hour or two in listening to select readings, declamations and music, after which presents were distributed from a well laden Christmas tree. The exercises were greatly enjoyed by those present. On Friday evening the people of this place met at Stuart's Hall where three Christmas trees were loaded with presents for old and young. The first hour was spent in singing, declamations, recitations, etc. It being very rough and cold, there were not as many present as usually meet here on such occasions, but they enjoyed a pleasant time, and some valuable gifts were presented and all came away well pleased and happy.

Nathaniel E. Warren has taken the timber on "Porcupine Hill," owned by George H. Cummings of Harrison to draw to Crooked River.

The school in the Cummings district, in Harrison, is to be taught by Harry Whitney, and Fairfield Whitney is teaching on Oak Hill in Otisfield.

Miss Blanche Stuart, of Bridgton, is teaching the school on Otisfield Hill. She has taught this school several terms.

Willis Kemp of Otisfield, is teaching the school at Harrison village, assisted by Mrs. M. J. Ilsley. This is Mr. Kemp's third term in this district. Mr. Kemp is a student of Bowdoin College.

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We keep and sell nothing but Fresh First-class Goods!

Our great secret of selling so cheap was and is,

we do an extensive yearly business, running three stores, keeping a stock at our main store of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, disposing of immense quantities of goods, with the ready cash at our disposal, enables us to buy for Cash, immense quantities of goods from the first hands, at the manufacturer's big auction sales in New York, occurring about once a month, thereby saving a big percentage for our patrons; which, if we only done a business of a few thousand a year, and had to buy of Jobbers the general way, getting the credit of four to six months, we should have to get the killing prices charged by many other dealers.

A word to the competitors of Oxford County:

If any that see fit to advertise for us in their way, continue to do so; we have come to Norway to stay; we was not born in the woods to be frightened out by an Owl—or either born in a city to be frightened away by a Jack with long ears. Our stocks are our own and we propose to sell them as we choose; but we will right here say if any dealer in the business will show the people as *Large and Nice a Stock of seasonable first-class Goods for less money than we are selling them, or even as low* as we are offering them, we will pack up and leave Norway, and they can again have it their own way.

A word to the people in general: We come to

NORWAY to benefit the consumer of Dry and Fancy Goods with a *FRESH* stock direct from the manufacturer's sales, comprising everything in the Dry and Fancy Goods line, at *auction prices*, as hundreds of you that have examined our goods can testify.

We have notified our buyer at headquarters of

our great success here, requesting him to secure all the immediate bargains and ship to us daily. For want of space, we cannot quote but a few of our tremendous bargains.

One lot more of those White Blankets which

we have sold 215 pair since we have been with you, for only $1.25 per pair.

One lot of those grey Blankets which we have

sold 168 pair since we have been with you, for only $1.00 per pair.

One lot of those white and colored California

Blankets that we have sold 83 pair since we have been with you, for only $2.50 per pair.

One lot of those white and colored California

Blankets of which we have sold 69 pair since we have been with you, for only $4.00 per pair. These same goods are retailing all over the country for $7.00 and $8.00 per pair.

Another large lot of those German and Harris

Cassimeres that we have had such a rush on through our great opening sale for only $1.00 per yard. Their goodness and value hundreds can testify to.

Another big lot of those Satin Damask Towels,

yard and quarter large. Their goodness and value hundreds of buyers in this vicinity can testify to.

10,000 yards more of those Best Quality Prints.

When we say best quality, it means a guarantee that they are the best made in the United States; and all know the Price is less than they can be manufactured for.

Another big lot of Fruit of the Loom, Cabot and

several other best makes of Bleached Cottons, the same that we have been having such a rush for the past week, for only 8 cents per yard. All know that the price is less than the can be manufactured for.

We have Dress Goods from 6 1-4 cents to $4.00

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Shawls in endless Profusion at half the regular

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Cloaks, Dolmans and Ulsters for ladies, misses

and children's wear. We are manufacturers of these goods and can sell them at much less price than they can be produced elsewhere.

We have Silks and Satins from 50 cents per yd.

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line of Fancy Goods at one half the regular retail price, and Hosts of other bargains too numerous to mention.

Big Bargains added daily from the Manufactur-

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of this Immense Stock. No trouble to Show Goods. All Orders Promptly attended to.

Taking this opportunity to thank you, one and

all for your very liberal patronage in the short time that we have been with you. We hope by Honest Dealing and One Price to all, to secure as large a patronage in the future.

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No. 77, BRASS LIBRARY LAMP, 14 inch Shade, 3.95.
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One Case 7 inch Opal shades, at 10 Cents each.

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Notice! Notice!

Pursuant to licence of the Judge of Insolvent Court for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at

Public Auction,

At my office in Noray Village at Norway, in said County, on

Saturday, January 12, 1884,

At 9 o'clock, a. m.,

the following named Real Estate belonging to the estate of JACOB A. THURSTON, Insolvent Debtor, one-third undivided and in common of

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Oxford County Advertiser.

FRIDAY. JANUARY 4, 1884.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Trains leave Norway, going East, as follows:

DOWN TRAINS.	UP TRAINS.
6.a.m.,(mail.)	10 a. m., (mail.)
10.40 a. m. "	3.27 p. m. "
2.10 p.m.(mixed.)	7.35 p. m. (mixed.)

Arrive from Portland at 10.15 a. m. (mail.) 2.15 p. m., 7.40 p. m. (mixed) and from Island Pond at 11 a. m. (mail.)

The daily stages for Waterford, Harrison, & Bridgton, leave immediately after the arrival of the 3.30 p. m. train from Portland.

June 25, 1883.

NORWAY POST OFFICE.

Office hours from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. UP MAIL closes at 9.35 a.m. and 3 p. m. Arrives at 10.15 a. m. and 3:12 p. m. DOWN MAIL closes at 10:15 a. m. Arrives at 10:15 a. m.

All mail for the early morning train must be left at post office by 8:00 p. m., the night before. A. J. NEVERS, P. M.

Miss O. G. KEENE, Assistant.

Norway Society Directory.

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit the meetings when in town.

Harry Brest Post, G. A. R., No. 54.—Meet the first Friday in each month, at Grange Hall, at 7 o'clock.

Norway Reform Club, and Ladies Aid Society.—Meet every Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock. Public meeting every Sunday, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Major Millett is home for a few days from a canvassing trip to N. H.

The Grangers have recently put in a car load of corn into their store.

Good horse blankets at Cyrus Tucker's for only 75 cents. See adv.

The Brackett Branch Store, the new store, continues to offer great bargains. See adv.

Got your seat in the gallery for the Masquerade ball? You should attend to it. On sale at Crockett's.

The pay roll at the shoe factory for the week ending Dec. 22 amounted to $2,360.90.

Horace Bird of Albany is canvassing the town for "Famous American Women." The book takes well.

E. W. Howe won't be undersold in dry goods. He is bound to reduce his stock, almost regardless of cost.

Mr. G. W. Russell was home on a visit from Conway Center. He reports business with him as being rather dull.

A large party attended the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sanborn on the evening of Dec. 26. A full report next week.

On account of sickness of one of the actors "Laila," which was to have been repeated in Norway Hall to-morrow night, has been postponed.

The auction last Wednesday of the household goods of the late widow Pierce at the residence of Eugene Bennett was postponed until Saturday at 1 o'clock.

"Garfield Express" in bold letters is on Uncle Daniel Scribner's cutter. This brings to mind we have an unpublished sketch of Uncle Daniel's which will appear soon.

W. C. Pierce of this village has a good set of travers sleds to sell.

Mr. M. M. Phinney emphatically denies the rumor recently published in the Lewiston *Journal* that he is to move to that city in the spring and open a Dry Goods Store. Mr. P. will remain here and has never for a moment thought of leaving Norway.

Read the cut down in prices at M. M. Phinney's store. Adv. found in another column. His goods are the best to be found in the market and his prices are the *lowest* when quality of goods is considered.

"It is a little nasty colt," says W. H. Stowell of South Paris as he drove up to our office and beckoned for us to come out and take the pay for ADVERTISER. This was the reason why he did not come in. It was a fine looking colt, and worthy of all the attention it required to keep it from frisking too much.

There was a Christmas tree and festival at Mrs. H. C. Reed's, in the Millett neighborhood, last week. A large party was present. The tree was well laden with presents. There was select reading by Miss Mattie and Sadie Millett, and tableaux:—"The Aged Couple," "The Patient Philosopher," and "Leading the White Elephant Home."

At the recent prize drawing at S. L. Crockett's, Orrin Lamrock got the music box; W. V. Foster the span of horses and carriage; Mrs. W. H. Whitcomb the piece of statuary "By Jingo," and "The First Love" went to Mrs. C. L. Hathaway; Ira Wood, the oder and jewel case; H. D. Smith, pair of vases; Chas. G. Mason, pair opera glasses; Albion Kimball, ladies' work basket; Geo. P. Rowe, the meerschaum pipe; C. H. Sargent, "The Aged Couple."

The winter term of school in dist. No. 8 closed last week. Miss Dora Jackson has had charge of both summer and winter terms. Whole number scholars 17; average attendance 15. The examination showed careful drill and great interest. Eight out of seventeen lost no time during the twelve weeks. Their names are:—Minnie E. Crosby, Crissie B. Tubbs, Georgie T. Tubbs, Moses P. Stiles, Frankie L. Crockett, Lizzie E. Bean, Edie L. Farnum, and Addie E. Titcomb.

Fair, festival, and a general good time at Concert Hall this (Friday) evening. Supper will be served. A small admission fee will be charged. The renowned Fortune-Teller will be present and will tell you the past, present and future in a wonderful manner. This entertainment is got up by the school children, and the proceeds are to go towards buying an organ for the Academy. It is hoped that everyone will step into Concert Hall and get their supper there to-night. See posters.

Mr. J. G. Rich, of Bethel, "the bear hunter," made us a pleasant call Monday. An hour's conversation with him is a profitable investment for anyone. Probably there is no man in the State so well posted on the fish and game, and habits of the wild animals of Maine as he is. He has spent over a quarter of a century in hunting, trapping, and fishing in the Lake Region. For 26 years he lived with his family in the wilderness and followed the business of hunter, trapper and guide. To him it was simply a business. Mr. Rich handles a versatile pen, and is a paid contributor to the *Angler, Forest and Stream*, and Lewiston *Journal*. He also writes for several local papers, one of which is the ADVERTISER. He takes as kindly to literary work as to the trail of a bear or a moose, and is spending his leisure moments in writing a book embodying many of the thrilling adventures of a life time spent in the wilderness of Maine. The book will be real—a true sketch—as romance and fictitious embellishment is out of Mr. Rich's province. We predict for it a large sale. He has for years caught and sent a good deal of game alive out of the state. He sent Prof. Agasez over one thousand dollars worth of live game in one year. He has at present a contract to furnish a large number of live rabbits and partridges for Boston parties who are stocking an island near Mssachusetts. We were much pleased with our visit from Mr. Rich, and hope he may come again.

The well-known Dr. Twombly, of Littleton, "The Painless Foot Doctor," is in town, at the Elm House, curing everybody of Corns, Bunions, Sore Joints, and Nails, and his popularity is constantly increasing. His cures are indeed wonderful. People go miles to see him. Everybody who have been treated speak highly of him. He remains for one week only. *

E. A. Holbrook, of Otisfield, is a house carpenter, and a house and carriage painter. He is a good workman and does a good business, and is a reader of the ADVERTISER. He repairs wood and iron work for carriages and sleighs at resonable prices. We advise all in his section to give him a call.

The Hibbard Concert, Thursday evening, week ago, was one of the finest musical entertainments ever given in this town. The audience, owing to the extremely bad weather and worse travelling, was rather small, but as many tickets had been previously sold we understand that financially it was a success. Everybody who attended were much elated over the fine singing and playing of the Misses Hibbard. We wish it was so that they might have another concert and be favored with good weather.

Horace Cole advertises music and musical instruments. Mr. Cole intends to enlarge his business somewhat in the year to come. He is to make several departures and add new lines of goods. This step he has been compelled to do. Everyone knows that there is no legitimate jewelry business in this town. It is dabbled in by nearly all traders, including the dry goods and ready made clothing dealers, the boot black, and stove polisher, until the business as a distinct business is practically good for nothing, and Mr. Cole in self-protection is compelled to add articles that are as entirely foreign to the jewelry business as are watches, chains, bosom-pins, and the like to the dry goods store. We shall smile to see "Hod" handling corsets, laces, collars, cuffs, neck-wear, dress-trimmings, worsteds, tin-ware, nuts, bolts, screws, nails, and the like, yet this is what he is to do. Go in, this is land of the free.

NORTH NORWAY.

Mr. Freeman Hutchinson is very sick, and not expected to live but a short time.

Mrs. Geo. Tracy and children arrived home from Canada last Friday.

Henry Tracy who has been laid up with a lame knee for several weeks, is now able to ride out.

Christmas eve at the Chapel was passed very pleasantly. Recitations and singing by the children, remarks by the pastor, and distribution of gifts from the tree, were the order of exercises. Mrs. C. E. Dunn was the happy recipient of a nice chair presented by her Sabbath School class of young gents. We noticed one young gentleman was presented with a beautiful night-cap, tastefully trimmed with pink bows. No danger of freezing your ears, Gene, this winter.

Two families came to church last Sabbath quite a long distance with oxen and sled. There were ten of them and six were small children—one only a few months old. Don't say people hav'nt any pluck now-a-days! We know of some who have.

Mrs. Phebe Shed from Auburn is visiting her old neighbor and friends in this vicinity.

BRYANT'S POND.

The inhabitants of this village and vicinity united in celebrating Christmas at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening. At an early hour every available foot of the house was crowded. The stage was beautifully decorated with evergreens and Japanese lanterns, and covered by a canopy, over which waved two tall slender palm trees. On either side of the stage tents were arranged, and each corner was occupied by a beautiful Christmas tree, loaded with every variety of gifts imaginable. The exercises were opened by a prayer from Rev. L. H. Tabor. After a few remarks by Mr. Tabor, the cantata, "Under the Palms" was presented in a very able manner. The various parts were all well sustained and when at length a short solo was rendered by little Maudie Bryant the delighted audience could no longer restrain themselves but broke out in hearty applause. Mrs. R. P. Sawyer presided at the organ during the evening. At the request of many of the audience, this cantata will be repeated on Thursday evening, Jan. 3d. The many and various gifts were then announced by A. M. Chase and J. L. Bowker, each member of the choir receiving a fine copy of "America Illustrated."

Our village school will close on Friday, Jan. 4th, and the following Monday Mr. Edgcomb begins a term in the Chase district.

The heavy rain of Thursday evening caused many water courses to flow across the roads, and this with bare ground in some places makes the travelling rather poor. B****

NO CURE, NO PAY! Dr. Lawrence's Cough Balsam, when once used, takes the place of all others. See our advertising columns. 1y

PERU.

The recurrence on Tuesday of the most appropriately celebrated festival of the year, (in this community) was a day of general gladness, especially to the young, not to mention the family reunions, the merry Chaistmas around the old homestead hearth-stone, the welcome greeting of long and widely separated members, where dear old "Santa" filled the stockings with nick-nacks and tid-bits as dear to the childish heart as are the little feet they inclose to their fond parents. There were public assemblages at West Peru, foot of Pond and at district four (Waltonville) so called from being the birthplace of that keen, incisive lawyer and eminent jurist, Judge C. W. Walton. Music, orchestral and vocal, readings, recitations, dialogues and declamations were common to all three, with the addition of a pantomine at West Peru. When you enter the rooms and behold the evergreen ladened with the beautiful, useful and substantial offerings of loving hearts, to friends, teachers, scholars, both of common and Sabbath Schools, of parents to children and children to parents and all bedecked with light and beauty, the enigma of the week stands revealed to the youthful mind in this thing of beauty, the Chrislmas tree. The expressions of delight of the little ones, of surprise and mirth of the older, of joy and thankfulness of the aged, sick and infirm, who could not be there to see, but who were not forgotten in the expressions of regards at this mid-winter festival. Do they not all swell the anthem of praise to Him whose teachings and example for nineteen centuries has raised the human family toward that higher plain of civilization and christianization of doing unto others whatsoever we would they should do unto us.

The house, barn and outbuildings known as the Tuttle Hotel property, were burned Tuesday morning, with 30 tons of hay, three horses, pigs and furniture. Loss $4,000; no insurance. The owner was Geo. T. Newcomb.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather, the series of meetings begun at the meeting-house on Sunday have been continued and are well attended. We hear expressions of great interest from all who have enjoyed the privilege of attending these meetings. The preaching, judging from one meeting only, which it was our privilege to attend, was a clear, lucid and concise exposition of the scripture under consideration. H. S. M.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

We had a Christmas tree and festival here at the Methodist Church under the management of Mr. Geo. Stevens. The tree was well laden with gifts, some costly. Among the rest we notice a New Home sewing machine,—a present to Mrs. O. T. Lurvey by her husband. All parts of the exercises were well sustained,—music, recitations, dialogues, etc. All felt that they had had a good time.

A smart old lady, Mrs. Sophia Libby of Turkey Hill, while at her nephew's, F. E. Hammond, ascended on foot ¾ of a mile to the summit of Mt. Molly Ocket, gathered 14 lbs. of different specimens of rock, took them in her apron and carried them to the house of her nephew. All this was done in 1 hour and 3 minutes. Can any of the girls of 18 beat this.

A few invited friends of the negotiating parties gathered at the house of the bride's parents on New Year's eve, to witness the nuptials of Mr. Leslie S. Curtis and Miss Althea J. Bryant. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. P. Merrill, after which the company sat down to an oyster supper unexcelled this side of Delmonico's. Mr. C. is one of our first-class teachers, and at present has charge of a sixteen weeks school at Trap Corner. This worthy couple will have the congratulations and best wishes of a very large circle of warm friends.

Messrs. Beck & Bryant have shut down their saw mill until spring opens.

Miss Lizzie Harding is teaching a very successful term of school in the Melville Dunham neighborhood.

The firm of Andrews & Sons is doing an extensive business in the manufacture of doors, window sash and blinds, and all kinds of fancy wood work. Coffins and caskets are a specialty, and in workmanship, style and reasonableness in price cannot be excelled in Oxford County. M.

WEST SUMNER.

Installation of officers of Wm. A. Barrows Post, G. A. R., next Saturday evening. Retiring commander, H. S. Coburn, will act as mustering officer.

Funeral of the son of J. A. Noyes at the Baptist church last Sunday a. m. Eld. R. Scott preached an excellent and very appropriate sermon to a full house. Another of Mr. Noyes' children is very low.

Miss Julia Benson who has been confined to her bed for several months, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Polly B. Howe, mother of Freeland Howe of Norway, is still with her son there on a visit. Her genial face is missed here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield of Lynn, Mass., were here on a visit to her father last week.

Mrs. Moses Merrill is again very low from a chronic disease of the lungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bisbee were the recipients of the sum of $50.00 as a Christmas present from his brother and two sisters. A kindly remembrance. Glad for Geo. and Cynthia.

Mr. Wm. L. Chase and O. G. Chandler and their hounds are seen and heard upon the hillsides almost daily, but they do not seem to be heavily laden with skins when they come in.

Christmas passed very pleasantly here. There were trees at both churches and were well laden with gifts; among those at the Univ. church was a beautiful Silver service to Mrs. Dr. Bisbee. It is reported there were several valuable presents in envelopes to other parties. There were full houses, appropriate exercises and most excellent music.

NAPLES.

Christmas entertainment Tuesday eve at the Methodist Church, consisting of recitations, class exercises and singing by the children, closing with distribution of presents from two well laden trees, in which the pastor and wife were generously remembered.

Frank Lamb has a fine stepping horse for which he has been offered two hundred dollars.

Dr. Lord finds employment for three horses.

A POSTAL CARD.

From Mrs. Dennis Smith, Louisville, Ky., says: "For blood impurities *Burdock Blood Bitters* seem particularly adapted. Never before had complexion so clear. Use all the time."

[Deferred from last week]

LOVELL

Mr. Seth Hutchins has killed a hog fifteen months old that weighed 538 lbs.

Ronello Andrews has killed 56 partridges this fall. He has just married.

Mr. L. Hatch cut his foot quite badly the first of December.

Miss Ida M. Hutchins has gone to Groveton, N. H., to take charge of the high school there.

Mr. Elra Andrews has commenced his school in Slab City district. He is young but bids fair to make one of the first-class teachers.

Ex-Governor Stearns, formerly of Florida is intending to celebrate his wooden wedding Dec. 12th, at his brother's, E. T. Stearns in Lovell.

Mr. Adna D. Rowe, our butcher is making sad havoc with the hogs and beef cattle in this vicinity.

Thanksgiving passed off very pleasantly for the people, but sad for the turkeys and chicks.

There are quite a number of children sick here in Lovell now with bad colds.

ELGEVA.

Melville Stowe, a prominent farmer of Newry, hung himself in his barn, Wednesday. Insanity was the cause.

ANDOVER.

Jonathan Abbott committed suicide by hanging, Saturday. Mr. A. was a quiet, industrious and honest man. He was a well-to-do farmer. He leaves a wife and two sons. The gale of November blew down a large amount of pine for him, damaging it badly, and it is thought this had something to do in dethroning his reason, as he said, "It will ruin me." He hung himself in his barn.

Hugh Greenan, employed by John B. Straw of Lewiston at Upper Dam was severely injured, Tuesday afternoon, by twenty yards of earth falling on him. His injuries are believed to be serious.—*Journal.*

SOUTH PARIS.

The rare mineral Herderite, new to this country, has been discovered in Oxford Co. by N. H. Perry of this place, collector of minerals.

R. N. Hall and F. A. Thayer, members of the Cong. quartette, were the recipients of two elegant silver tilting ice pitchers and cups at the Christmas tree of the Cong. Society, Christmas eve.

Rev. Mr. Sprague received a *pounding* from his friends Monday eve, sick though he is, at the Methodist vestry. He is still quite low.

A. F. Spaulding and F. A. Thayer got the big stick of candy. They both guessed 23½ lbs., the weight being 23 lbs., 11½ ounces.

Frank Starbird was drawing a load of wood from the woods recently, when one of his horses was struck by a stick of wood lying in the road which flew up and made a severe wound in the horse's shoulder.

G. L. Dunham is teaching a writing school here.

[Written for the Advertiser.]

The Dead Year.

J. ALBERT LIBBY.

Good by, good by, old year!
All dead upon your bier
With midnight shadows coldly round thee sweeping.
Thy circuit now is run,
With all thy labor done,
Go with thy fellow years to endless sleeping.
Thy life was full of cheer,
We freely own dead year,
To thousands who With the have rode Times carriage;
As all around the earth,
Have come the joys of birth,—
The times of wooing, and the hours of marriage.

And thou hast kindly cast,
As thou around hast passed
To all alike on earth thy pleasing blessings,—
Sunshine, and gentle showers,
Rich fruits, and fragrant flowers;
We owe thee thanks for these we stand confessing.

But in thy onward course,
The gloomy rolling hearse
Hath borne away the joys of teeming mortals:
Earth's store of griefs, and tears
Thou hast, like other years,
Brough in a thousand ways to death's dark portals.

And since thy reign begun,
What hosts beneath the sun
Have fallen but as wrecks to some disaster;
With health and reason gone
They pine awhile forlorn,
Till other years shall bring them death as master.

Good by, good by, old year!
We cannot shed a tear
When from the hill of faith we cast our vision.
Each year that dies but brings
The sweet immortal things,
That make our all heaven in the home elysian.

West Poland, Dec. '83.

GREENWOOD.

A. C. Swan and wife will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage Jan'y 10th, 1884. All are invited, and a good time is anticipated. This was mentioned a week or two ago. This is a reminder.

We are having nice sledding just now. We soon shall have from ten to twenty teams pass through our big city with hard wood lumber for H. G. Brown of West Paris, to be manufactured into bobbins and chair stuff.

I learn that C. M. Buck would like to sell his farm. It is one of the best stock farms in Oxford Co.

Seaver B., son of C. M. Buck, has returned to Ellsworth, to attend school, where he has been for the last nine months.

We had a Christmas tree for the little folks at our school-house, quite well ladened, and some nice presents. C. M. Buck had a big bag of candy, and when he saw that he had a self-satisfied grin on his face.

JOHN TOPSHAM.

Ballou's Magazine for January contains the commencement of Mr. Wm. H. Thomes' new yarn, "On Land and Sea, or California in the Years 1843, '44, and '45. It is a biography that will please old and young, giving as it does the habits, customs, and accounts of the noted people of California before gold was discovered there. Besides twenty or more stories, sketches, and poems by well-known writers. For sale everywhere. Thomes & Talbot, 23 Hawley St., Boston, Mass.

OF MATCHLESS MERIT.

For the nose and throat, externally or internally used, *Thomas' Eclectric Oil* is matchless. Asthma, catarrh and serious throat affections are quickly amenable to this efficient remedy.

BIRTHS.

In Porter, 29th ult. to Mr. and Mrs. Elias R. Garland, a son.

In Porter, 16th ult., to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poindexter, a son.

MARRIAGES.

In Waterford, Jan'y 1, by Rev. J. S. Richards, Horace E. Mixer of Norway and Miss Lizzie B. Pride of Waterford.

In Waterford, Jan'y 1, by Rev. J. H. Snow, Geo. W. Lebroke and Miss Eliza E Shedd. Same town and date and clergyman, Charles E. Green and Miss Hattie L. Merrill.

In Sweden, dec. 26, by Rev. J. H. Snow, W. H. Kneeland and Miss Fanny McKeeking, both of Sweden.

In South Woodstock, Jan'y 1, by Rev. W. H. Merrill, Leslie S. Curtis and Miss Althea J. Bryant.

In Hebron, Christmas evening, by Rev. S. D. Richardson, Horatio A. Hamlins and Miss Clara A. Tubbs, both of Hebron.

In Canton, Dec. 22, by Rev. Orison Gammon, Mr. Z. M. Gammon and Miss Ida A. Jordan, both of Canton.

In Lovell, Dec. 22, Mr. Orson Andrews and Miss Gertie Quint, both of Lovell.

DEATHS.

In Bethel, Dec. 23, Mrs. Phebe M. B., widow of the late Dr. Twitchell, aged 70 years, 22 days.

In Gilead, Nov. 29, Miss Sarah E. Chapman, aged 45 years.

In Hebron, Dec. 27, Helen S., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farris, aged 2 years and 17 days.

In Greenwood, Dec. 31, Michael Gorman, aged about 80 years.

In Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 13, Moses P. Gould, aged about 50 years, 8 months.

Cabinet Phots.- $3.00 per Doz.
Card " - 1.50 " "

Finished by the best finisher in Maine, warranted, on large gilt cards; your choice of 19 kinds of scenery!

☞This offer is only good for 4 weeks, and for cash in advance. Young Ladies look better to dress in white. Circulars free.

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Others in proportion. Apply for terms.

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That are made for a Horse and suitable for a Horse and will Fit a Horse!!

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At prices that cannot be duplicated.

Good Wooly Blanket,	$00.75
A better one,	.85
Still better ones,	.95
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Other kinds are selling at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, and $2.00. ☞Call and examine.

M. E. CROCKETT.

Special Bargains

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We have made a *great reduction* in goods. Shall sell less than value for the next 30 days, in order to

Close Out Our

Fall and Winter Stock.

Call and get our Prices!

Good Dry Wood

OF ALL KINDS,

Cheap for Cash!

☞Wood delivered at short notice, in any part of the village.

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TO CLOSE OUT

Winter Goods,

AND MAKE ROOM FOR A

Large Spring Stock!

I shall sell for 60 days at reduced prices, as follows:

One Lot Ladies' Sacques at		$5.00
" " " " "		7.50
" " "	Dolmans at	9.50
" " " " "	at	12.00

☞These are all *new garments*, and *made to order this season*, and are *big bargains.*

Also a large line of *CLOAKINGS, DRESS, GOODS, SHAWLS, UNDER FLANNELS, BLANKETS, PUFFS*, SHIRTING FLANNELS, WOOLENS, HOSIERY, SCARFS, HOODS, and everything in the line of *Winter Goods.*

☞Remember we dont keep damaged auction goods, but everything is New and Fresh, and just as advertised, and we shall sell them at the LOWEST CASH PRICES.

I take this opportunity to thank my many customers for the liberal patronage they have given me in the past four years, and pledge myself to give them in the future the same honorable dealing that I have in the past.

Very Respectfully,

M. M. PHINNEY, Norway Village.

HENRY COLLEGE LOTTERY

$80,000 FOR $2.00.

5th **Regular Monthly Drawing** will take place in the Masonic Hall, Masonic Temple Building, in Louisville, Ky.,

Thursday, January 31, 1884.

A Lawful Lottery & Fair Drawings, chartered by the Legislature of Ky., and twice declared legal by the highest Court in the State. Bond given to Henry County in the sum of $100,000 for the prompt payment of all prizes sold.

A Revolution in Single Number Drawings.

☞Every ticket holder his own supervisor, can call out the number on his ticket and see the corresponding number on the tag placed in the wheel in his presence. These drawings will occur on the last Thursday of every month. Read the magnificent

JANUARY SCHEME.

1 Prize,	$30,000	20 Pr. ($500)	10,000
1 Prize,	10,000	100 Pr. ($100)	10,000
1 Prize,	5,000	200 Pr. ($50)	10,000
2 Prizes, each,	$2,500 5,000	500 Pr. ($20)	10,000
5 Pr. $1,000 each,	5,000	1000 Prizes, $10 each,	10,000
9 Prizes, $300 each,		Aproximation Pr's,	2,700
9 Prizes, $200 each,		" "	1,800
9 Prizes, $100 each,		" "	900
1,857 Prizes,			$110,400

WHOLE TICKETS, $2. HALF TICKETS, $1.
27 TICKETS, $50. 55 TICKETS, $100.

Remit money or Bank Draft in Letter, or send by Express. Don't send by Registered Letter or Post Office Order, until further notice. Orders of $5 and upward by Express, can be sent at our expense. Address all orders to J. J. DOUGLASS, Louisville, Ky.

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—OF—

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Fifty minutes are given to each recitation. For a catalogue or any information, address

W. W. MAYO, Principal.

Hebron, Me., Jan. 1, 1884.

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For the next 30 days

The subscriber will sell from his

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Dry Goods!

Regardless of Cost,

AT HIS STORE.

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That the best place to buy Store Goods of all kinds, is at

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Who has a full line of all kinds of goods usually kept in a country store; and everything will be sold at *Bottom Price*. We don't "*blow*" on the low price of a few "*special articles*," but we will say that we believe we *can* and *will* sell as many goods for

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Hosiery, Gloves, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Notions, Etc.

Also FLOUR, Salt, Lime, Cement & Hair.

We keep a good line of WOOLENS, and will manufacture the same into Gents Suits, *allow prices* and on short notice.

☞Please to call and see us *soon*, and bring along the cash, and swap it for needed supplies, and see if you don't get a *big value* for it *every time*, at H. N. BOLSTER'S,

Market Square, South Paris.

Assignee's Sale.

Will be sold at public auction, at the office of Holt & Kimball in Norway, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 1884, at 10 A. M., all the right in, title which A. J. Nevers had Oct. 1st, 1883, to the place in which he now resides in said Norway. Also his equity in the Post Office Boxes and fixtures. All interest he has in a Life Policy in the Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., and five shares in the New England Scale Board Box Co. of Boston, Mass.

ALFRED S. KIMBALL, Assignee.

Norway, Dec. 31st, 1883.

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IN ABUNDANCE, AND AT THE

Lowest Prices, at

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Willow Chairs, Camp Chairs, &c.

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Various styles; KITCHEN CHAIRS and MATRESSES of all kinds.

Car Load Chamber Sets, - - - JUST IN.

Ash, Walnut and Pine, in all the various Styles.

A Large Display of Stuffed Parlor Sets.

The Largest Stock in Oxford County.

Our Prices are as low as the same goods can be got in the cities. All goods delivered on the G. T. R., within 40 miles, of Norway, *free of charge.*

☞We invite you to inspect our stock and you will be convinced that we have the largest, best and most perfect

Boot and Shoe Store

in Maine outside of the large cities. We have the largest and best display of

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We would call your attention to

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We have the Nicest Line of

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to be found this side of the city. Also a very nice line of

Silk Lace & Linen Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery, Ladies' Lace Ties in every desirable style, Children's Lace Collars, all prices.

Also a nice line of Portemonnaies, Nubias, Hoods, Cardican Jackets, Leggins, Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Bustles, &c. Brushes, Scarf Pins, Ribbons, and all

Useful Presents

to be found in a first-class Fancy Goods Store, at low prices.

To the Hon. Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court next to be holden at Paris within and for the County of Oxford and State of Maine.

Sarah E. Graham of Denmark, in said County and State, respectfully libels and gives this honorable Court to be informed that she was lawfully married to William E. Graham of Sebago, in the county of Cumberland, at Bridgton, in said county, on the fifth day of January A. D. 1876, and thereafterwards, and until the desertion hereafter named, lived in said State as husband and wife, and has had by him four children, of whom three are now living, viz: Frank E., Lavina E. and Perley H. Graham, aged respectively, six, four and two years. That since their intermarriage, your libellant has always conducted herself toward her said husband as a faithful, chaste and affectionate wife, but that he, regardless of his marriage vows and duty did, at Brownfield in said county, where they then resided, on the 7th day of Oct. A. D. 1880, without reasonable cause on her part, or intent or motive on her part to procure a divorce, willfully deserted and abandoned your libellant and since said time, and for more than three years last past she has not known his whereabouts nor has he furnished anything towards the support of her, or her said children, and your libellant saith that said William E. Graham is out of this State and in parts unknown, and that his residence is not known to her, and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence, and she prays this honorable Court to decree her a divorce from the bonds of said matrimony, and that the care and custody of said minor children be committed to her. Dated Nov. 30, A. D. 1883.

SARAH E. GRAHAM.

OXFORD, ss.—Nov. 30, 1883.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.

EDWARD E. HASTINGS, *Justice of the Peace.*

STATE OF MAINE.

Supreme Judicial Court in Vacation.

Portland, Dec. 8th, A. D. 1883.

Upon the foregoing libel, ordered, that the libellant give notice to the said William E. Graham to appear before the Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the second Tuesday of March, A. D. 1884, by publishing an attested copy of said libel and this order of Court thereon, three weeks successively in the Oxford County Advertiser, a newspaper printed in Norway, in our said County of Oxford, the last publication to be 30 days at least prior to said second Tuesday of March aforesaid, that he may there and then in our said Court appear and show cause if any he have, why the prayer of said libellant should not be granted

WM. WIRT VIRGIN, *Justice of the Sup. Jud. Court.*

A true copy—Attest:

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.

Notice of Second Meeting of Creditors in Insolvency.

To the creditors of JAMES T. FARNHAM, of Lovell in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, insolvent debtor.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, That with the approval of the Judge of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, the Second Meeting of the Creditors of said Insolvent is appointed to be held at the Probate Court Room in Paris, in said County of Oxford on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1884, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

You will govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the order of Court this 19th day of Dec. A. D. 1883.

HERRICK C. DAVIS, Register of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

Notice of Assignee of his Appointment.

At Paris, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, the 19th day of December, A. D. 1883.

The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of George H. Seavey of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, Insolvent Debtor, who has been declared an Insolvent upon his petition by the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

ALVAN B. GODWIN, Assignee.

Notice of Second Meeting of Creditors in Insolvency.

To the creditors of ALONZO J. NEVERS, of Norway, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, Insolvent Debtor.

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THROUGH THE

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At Mrs. A. B. CHASE'S, Norway, Me.

Reward Offered.

Harvey E. and Harry P. Ellis left their home in Paris Dec. 10th, and their present whereabouts are unknown. A liberal reward is offered for any one who will inform the undersigned where they may be found. Harvey E. is 18 years old and fair faced and rathstont built and of good personal appearance. Harry P. is 16 years old, slim built, has his right eye put out. Harvey wore checked bluish colored suit and Harry wore black pants and snuff colored coat. Both wore black hats. Any one giving information that will disclose their present whereabouts will be suitably rewarded. Should this come to the notice of the boys, they are urgently requested to write their parents or return home.

S. R. ELLIS, South Paris.

W. J. WHEELER,

—OF—

South Paris, Me.,

Would call your attention to the fact that he has now on hand the

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Fall and Winter Patterns!

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Call & examine our Stock.

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To the creditors of JACOB A. THURSTON of Newry, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, Insolvent Debtor.

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Buy Your
DOORS, WINDOWS, BLINDS
Mouldings,
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ASH & PINE SHEATHING,
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Is warranted to cure COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, SORE THROAT, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs.
We do not claim to cure consumption when thoroughly seated, but we do claim that thousands of lives might be saved every year by the timely use of Dr. Lawrence's Cough Balsam.
Many people imagine they have consumption, when in reality they only have a bad cold, which can easily be cured by proper care and the right kind of medicine. We could fill columns with testimonials, but do not believe in that way of advertising, our idea is to let *everybody that is afflicted with a cough try for themselves and if not perfectly satisfied, return the empty bottle to the dealer of whom it was bought and receive their money back.*
Price for Trial Size, 25 Cts. Family Size $1.00 per Bottle.
Remember, No Cure, No Pay!

NEWS OF THE DAY

GENERAL ITEMS.

—Willie Loveland, aged twelve years, was seriously burned at Corry, Pa., while endeavoring to save his mother from being burned to death.

—A band of horse thieves were hunted down in Missouri; two were killed and a third wounded.

—A mother and her child were burned to death through a house taking fire at Atchison, Kan.

—In Texas, near Colorado River, masked men robbed the passengers in a stage of $400.

—A women in Illinois invited a man who is alleged to have made aspersions on her character to her house and, on his asserting the truth of his charges, she shot him fatally through the body.

—The condition of Canadian shipping on the lakes is reported bad and the Government is censured for it.

—A man and a woman while intoxicated were smothered in the snow in Jersey City by their wagon falling over an embankment.

—Five lives were lost, five persons were mortally wounded and thirteen others seriously injured in the religious riot at Harbor Grace, N. F. The Catholics threatened some time ago that if the Orangemen paraded through the streets of the city, wearing their uniform and offensive regalia, they would obstruct them, even at a bloody cost. The Orangemen carried banners, flags and various symbolic devices, and were accompanied by bands of music. They numbered in all about six hundred persons. They wended their way unmolested through Harvey st. to a junction road, and then were about to deploy into Water street, distant about fifty yards, when they were suddenly attacked by a partially armed mob numbering about 300 men. The whole sanguinary affray did not occupy five minutes. Had the Orangemen been even partially armed scores of lives would certainly have been lost. Of the killed two were Roman Catholics, and were shot by guns used by their own party, they having been mixed up accidentally in the ranks of the Orangemen at the moment of the attack.

—The division of the money paid by the New York Elevated Railroad as damages for injuries to Major John T. Harrold gives that gentleman about $17,347; his lawyers, $12,040, and his doctors, $2,000. Legal expenses about $3,690, and $1,500 is in doubt between lawyers and doctors.

—An escaped convict in endeavoring to evade recapture at Malone, N. Y., stabbed a sheriff and the latter's son and daughter-in-law.

—An outbreak of smallpox has created a panic in the jail at Newcastle, Del.

—The crew of the bark Mohawk, after enduring terrible suffering and losing one of their number, have reached a hospital in New Haven, Conn.

—An anti-Orange riot in Harbor Grace, N. F., began with the killing of three Orangemen and the wounding of many more by an ambushed mob.

—General Grant fell on the sidewalk in front of his house, in New York, on Monday evening and has since been confined to his bed. The exact nature of the injury has not been ascertained, but no serious results are looked for.

—The shipbuilding trade of Maine was better than expected during 1882.

—The miners are protesting against the introduction of Hungarian serf labor into this country.

—Two train hands were killed by the carrying down of a trestle and train over Long Creek, North Carolina.

—Six miners were killed and others seriously injured by an avalanche at Ouray, Col. The snow was started from the high mountains and buried the house in which the miners slept.

—While a cage containing twenty convict laborers was descending a shaft in Pratt mines, near Birmingham, Ala., the engine became unmanageable for a moment, and the cage fell to the bottom, a distance of 204 feet, and rebounded 60 feet. Most of the men fell out. One of them was killed, and thirteen were injured, two of them seriously. Two of the men were whites and the others colored.

—A telegram from the Prefect of Arequipa says that the evacuation of that city by the Chilians has been completed, and that everything is quiet.

—Mrs. Mary Kirwin, of Newington, Ct., is dead at the great age of 105 years. She was born in the county Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1778, and did not come to America until she was eighty-two years old. She has had exceptional good health, never having been sick an entire week in her life. Death resulted from old age. Her eldest son is aged sixty-five.

—Three men were caught in the burning caboose of a shattered freight train at Minneapolis, Minn., and seriously injured.

—Two women and a child were murdered by unknown parties near Moncure, N. C. Each victim was struck several blows with an ax.

—At Philadelphia a society for the prevention of cruelty to children has been notified by the United States Pension Office that there are several thousand dollars there belonging to a ward of the society.

—Five men dead and two dying is the result of a lynching case in McDade, Texas.

—In 1883, there were laid 6,600 miles of main railway track, at an approximate cost of $165,000,000, making the total number of miles of railway in the country to date about 120,000. New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Nevada and Wyoming are the only States and Territories in which no new road was built.

—The Higham murder trial, at Watertown, N. Y., resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

—At Cincinnati the Ohio river was still rising, and merchants had commenced to move their goods to places of safety.

—Eight men were killed and two injured by a snow slide at Marshall Basin, Col.

—The records of the Building Bureau show a slight decrease the past year on new buildings as compared with 1882, when plans representing $44,793,186 were filed.

—The Socialistic Labor Congress at Baltimore, while advocating a radical change in the system of republican government, condemned the radical ideas of Herr Most.

—At Trenton, N. J., an aged farmer was swindled out of $1,610 by bunco men.

—Brigadier-General Andrew A. Humphreys, U. S. A. (retired), died suddenly in Washington, from an attack of angina pectoris. He was a notable officer of the Engineer Department and was born in Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Secretary of the Treasury has decided in the case of the Chinaman who was brought to New York on the ship Resolute that he can not be landed in the United States, but may be transferred to any other vessel which may be going to a foreign country.

Information has been received at the Department of State that the International Congress of Hygiene will hold its next session at The Hague, Netherlands, August 21, 1884. Any government, State, corporation or school interested in the general subject, is invited to send delegates.

Mr. Randall expects all the appropriation bills will be passed by April 15, so Congress can adjourn May 1.

Mr. Bret Harte, our Consul at Glasgow, has made a report relating to the trade and navigation of that port during the year ending Sept. 30. The enormous aggregate of 293,023 tons of new shipping has been launched by the various firms on the Clyde. Several firms this year will surpass all their previous efforts. One firm will launch over 40,000 tons.

For the first five months of the present fiscal year the total internal revenue collections have amounted to $51,279,433, being $11,343,971 less than during the corresponding period of last year.

In spirits there has been a total increase of collections amounting to $2,074,771, and in fermented liquors an increase of $497,388. The total decrease in the collection of taxes on tobaccos amounted to $9,191,607; on taxes from banks and bankers, 1,068,292, and on miscellaneous taxes, $3,656,381.

John N. Irwin, Governor of Idaho Territory, has returned to the Treasurer of the United States the draft for $650 sent him as salary for the quarter ended October 30, 1883, and has declined also to receive the salary due him for the quarter ending December 31. He states that he has been unable to attend to the duties of the office since July 1 and cannot conscientiously accept the pay.

It is stated that Mr. Cox, of New York, and Mr. Springer, of Illinois, will decline the places assigned them on committees.

The special agent of the Treasury, in his report to the Secretary, exonerates Assistant Inspector Cauldwell, who inspected the boilers of the Riverdale.

Representative Dingley is decidedly of the opinion that the present Committee on Shipping will do something at once for the revival of American commerce in American bottoms. The committee say they will do all they can in the matter.

The propositions to remove the tax on bank circulation and to issue bank notes without the legal tender quality will not receive the indorsement of the Committee on Banking and Currency.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

—The Turcos behaved like madmen at Sontay. One company of 140 men threw themselves upon the intrenchments despite the orders of their officers, who, seeing the men so impetuous, rushed in front and led them to destruction. Only twenty men and one officer escaped.

—A band of insurgents, marching toward Berber, have been attacked and completely routed by Egyptian troops.

—The murder of the Russian officer in St. Petersburg is said to have been the work of Nihilists.

—French newspapers advocate the seizure of the islands of Chusan and Formosa, as well as of Hainan.

—Affairs in Ashantee are quiet. The people are overawed by the slaughter of the family of ex-King Koffee Kalcalli and the daily massacre of his adherents, hundreds of whom have been executed. Sixty-eight of his seventy children have also been killed. One of Koffee Kalcalli's adherents, hearing that the ex-King's life was in danger, sent ninety-eight men to guard him. They remained several days with the ex-King, with the consent of the chief now reigning. They were then suddenly attacked and all killed.

—It is stated authoritatively that a secret treaty, offensive and defensive, has been signed by Germany, Austria and Italy.

—Colonel Rathbone, the American, who shot his wife and stabbed himself, in Hanover, is in a fair way to recover from his wounds. He was insane when he committed the murder.

—All importations of American hog meats into France will be absolutely prohibited after January 20, 1884.

—Baron von Manteuffel, Governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has ordered the expulsion from Germany of two Frenchmen, one of them being Gen. Grouvel, for omitting the observance of a slight formality in certain official relations with the national authorities.

—The Egyptian cavalry at Suakim has captured 800 head of cattle and 250 camels belonging to the enemy.

—A Paris correspondent says that assassins and train robbers have appeared on a French railway.

—Spain has taken off the extra ordinary duty upon goods entering Cuba from America.

—A bill has been passed in Mexico granting reductions of duties on goods brought by Mexican vessels.

—Jeremie has surrendered to the Haytian government.

—A correspondent at Madrid says that the Spanish protectionists hope to obstruct, and eventually to defeat, the negotiations for commercial treaties with England, Italy and the United States.

—A serious riot occurred among Russian workingmen at Lida.

—The Arabic official newspaper says that the Governor of Berber has telegraphed to the Khedive that Hicks Pasha and 3,000 Egyptians were killed in the fight with El Mahdi's forces, but that Ala ed-din Pasha, with the remainder of the Egyptian army, is encamped at Melbass, where his troops are being provisioned by friendly tribes.

—The Paris *National* asserts that France will carry out alone the task she has undertaken in Tonquin.

—The English steamer Severn exploded her boiler at Carthagena, killing seven men and doing considerable damage. She has been towed to St. Thomas by the Belize.

—Twenty little children, pupils at the German-Israelite school, at Galata, Turkey, were burned alive. The flames spread with such rapidity as to prevent the majority of the children from escaping through the doors. Many were thrown or leaped from the upper windows into blankets held in the street below, and were in this way injured. Twenty charred bodies have so far been recovered. Thirty persons altogether are missing. The directress of the school, seized with fright, threw herself from a window and was killed on the spot.

AN EXTENSIVE SHEEP RANGE.

How Eighty Thousand Sheep are Washed —Profits of the Ranch.

The San Francisco *Call* says: The little schooner Santa Rosa arrived in port from Santa Barbara a few days ago. She comes up to this city twice a year to secure provisions, clothing, lumber, etc., for use on Santa Rosa Island, being owned by the great sheep-raiser, Mr. A. P. Moore, who owns the island and the 80,000 sheep that exist upon it. The island is about 30 miles south of Santa Barbara, and is 24 miles in length and 16 in breadth, and contains about 74,000 acres of land, which are admirably adapted to sheep-raising. Last June Moore clipped 1,014 sacks of wool from these sheep, each sack containing an average of 410 pounds of wool, making a total of 415,740 pounds, which he sold at 27 cents a pound, bringing him in $112,349.80, or a clear profit of over $80,000. This is said to be a low yield, so it is evident that sheep-raising there, when taken into consideration that shearing takes place twice a year and that a profit is made off the sale of mutton, etc., is very profitable. The island is divided into four quarters by fences running clear across at right angles, and the sheep have not to be herded like those ranging about the foothills.

Four men are employed regularly the year round to keep the ranch in order and to look after the seeep, and during shearing time 50 or more shearers are employed. These men secure 40 or 50 days' work, and the average number of sheep sheared a day is about 90, for which 5 cents a clip is paid, thus $4.50 a day being made by each man, or something over $200 for the season, or over $400 for 90 days out of the year. Although the shearing of 90 sheep a day is the average, a great many will go as high as 110, and one man has been known to shear 125. Of course every man tries to shear as many as he can, and owing to haste frequently the animals are severely cut by the sharp shears. If the wound is serious, the sheep immediately has its throat cut, and is turned into mutton and disposed of to the butchers, and the shearer, if in the habit of frequently inflicting such wounds, is discharged. In the shearing of these 80,000 sheep a hundred or more are injured to such an extent as to necessitate their being killed, but the wool and meat are of course turned into profit.

Although no herding is necessary, about 200 or more trained goats are kept on the island continually, which to all intents and purposes take the place of the shepherd dogs so necessary in mountainous districts where sheep are raised. Whenever the animals are to be removed from one quarter of the island to another, the man in charge takes out with him several of the goats, exclaims in Spanish "*Cheva*," (meaning sheep.) The goat through his training understands what is wanted, and immediately runs to the band and the sheep accept it as their leader, following wherever it goes. The goat in turn follows the man to whatever point he wishes to take the band. To prevent the sheep from contracting disease it is necessary to give them a washing twice a year. Moore having so many sheep on hand found it necessary to invent some way to accomplish this whereby not so much expense would be incurred and time wasted. After experimenting for some time he had a ditch dug 8 feet in depth, a little over 1 foot in width, and 100 feet long. In this he put 600 gallons of water, 200 pounds of sulphur, 100 pounds of lime and 6 pounds of soda, all of which is heated to 130 degrees. The goats lead the sheep into a corral or trap at one end, and the animals are compelled to swim through to the further end, thus securing a bath and taking their medicine at one and the same time.

The owner of the island and sheep, A. P. Moore, a few years ago purchased the property from the widow of his deceased brother, Henry, for $600,000. Owing to ill health he has rented it to his brother Lawrence for $140,000 a year, and soon starts for Boston, where he will settle down for the rest of his life. He still retains an interest in the Santa Cruz island ranch, which is about 25 miles southeast of Santa Barbara. This island contains about 64,000 acres, and on it are 25,000 sheep. On Catalina Island, 60 miles east of Santa Barbara, are 15,000 sheep, and on Clemente Island, 80 miles east of that city, are 10,000 sheep; 40 miles west of the same city is San Miguel, on which are 2,000 sheep. Each one of these ranches has a sailing vessel to carry freight, etc., to and fro between the island and the mainland, and they are kept busy the greater part of the time.

He Mastered the Pupil.

Physical strength was formerly a necessary requsite in the man who "kept school." He was not called "the teacher;" he was "the master," and if he did not make that title good, there were many schools that he could not teach. In these days we demand something beside muscle in a teacher, but occasionally it happens that muscle is needed among big boys even now, and the gymnasium and boat-race training of a college graduate comes in play alongside the more intellectual work of education. A recent case is reported of a college boy who proved himself "master" of the situation, though it must be said that circumstances helped him considerably at the finish.

The town of Sharon (Mass.) had a winter school where for several years the big boys had their own way, thrashing and turning out of doors the teachers, until the committee engaged John Sykes, an under-sized graduate of Harvard, but over-sized in muscle and energy far beyond what his appearance indicated.

He opened school with a conciliatory address, asking the co-operation of the pupils, but ending with a firm expression of his intentions and expectations. Very soon after which Bill Gates, a "six-footer," commenced the usual rebellion and tried to trip up Sykes, who instantly collared, floored, and put his foot on the rebel, and kept it there, until Bill promised to abide by the rules of the school in general, and submit to the big flat ruler of the teacher in particular.

But when the latter went for this instrument of authority, Bill went for a window, out of which he had got his head and shoulders, when down came the sash on his back, and held him fast. The teacher appreciated the advantage the situation conferred, and applied so vigorous a castigation that it went to the very roots of the resistance. After that order reigned in that particular school'us while J. S. was in charge.

What the Diver Sees.

The first sensation in descending under water in a suit of armor is the sudden bursting roar in the ears, caused by the air driven into the helmet from the air-pump. The flexible air hose has to be strong enough to bear a pressure of twenty-five to fifty pounds to the square inch. The drum of the ear yields to the strong external pressure, the mouth opens involuntarily, the air rushes into the tube and strikes the drum, which strikes back to its normal state with a sharp, pistol-like crack. Peering through the goggle eyes of glass in his helmet, the diver sees the strange beauties about him clearly, and in their own calm splendor. Above him is a pure golden canopy, while around him and beside him are tints and shimmering hues, including all colors, which are indescribably elegant. The floor of the sea rises like a golden carpet, inclining gently to the surface. The change of familiar objects is wonderful. The wreck of a ship seems studded with emeralds, glittering in lines of gold; piles of brick assume the appearance of crystal; a ladder becomes silver, every shadow gives the impression of a bottomless depth.

The New House Committees.

The new committees of the United States House are announced as follows:

Elections—Messrs. Turner, Davis, Converse, Cook, Bennett, Lowry, Elliott, Robertson, J. J. Adams, Ranney, Pettibone, Miller of Pennsylvania, Valentine, Hepburn, Hart.

Ways and Means—Messrs. Morrison, Mills, Blount, Blackburn, Hewitt of New York, Herbert, Hurd, Jones, Kelly, Kasson, McKinley, Hiscock, Russell.

Appropriations—Messrs. Randall, Forney, Ellis, Holman, Hancock, Townsend, Hutchins, Follett, Burns, Keifer, Cannon, Ryan, Calkins Horr, Washburn.

Judiciary—Messrs. Tucker, Hammond, Culberson; Moulton, Broadhead, Dorsheimer, Collins, Seney, Reed, E. B. Taylor, McCoid, Browne, Poland.

Banking and Currency—Messrs. Buckner, Ermentrout, Potter, Hunt, Mills of Texas, Candler, Wilkens, Yaple, Dingley, Brumm, Adams of Illinois, Henderson, Hooper.

Coinage, Weights and Measures—Messrs. Bland, Dowd, Hardy, Nicholls, Pusey, Lanham, Tulley, Belford, Lacey, Chace, Everhart, Luna.

Commerce—Messrs. Reagan, Clardy, Turner, Dunn, Seymour, Glasscock, Woodward, Boyle, Barksdale, O'Neil, Davis, Wadsworth, Long, Stewart, Peters.

Rivers and Harbors—Messrs. Willis, Blanchard, Jones, Gibson, Rankin, Breckenridge, Murphy, Sumner, Houseman, Henderson, Hayne, Robinson, Chace, Stone, Burleigh.

Agriculture—Messrs. Hatch, Aiken, Dibrell, Williams, Beach, Green, Winans, Weller, Patton, Cullen, Wilson, White, Ochiltree, Howey, Stephenson, Raymond.

Foreign Affairs—Messrs. Curtin, Belmont, Deuster, Clements, W. R. Cox, G. D. Wise, Stewart, Lamb, Rice, Wait, Ketcham, Phelps, Hitt.

Military Affairs—Messrs. Rosecrans, Slocum, Dibrell, Morgan, Wolford, Nicholls, Murray, Duncan, Steele, Bayne, Lyman, Laird, Cutcheon, Maginnis.

Naval Affairs—Messrs. Cox of New York, Morse, Talbot, Buchanan, Eaton, Ballentyne, McAdoo, Harmer, Thomas, Goff, Boutelle of Maine.

Post Office and Post Roads—Messrs. Money, Reese, Ward, Cosgrove, Riggs, Rogers, Taylor, Jones, Paige, Bingham, Peelle, Skinner, White, Wakefield, McCormick.

Railways and Canals—Messrs. Davidson, Hoblitzelle, Murphy, Paige, Caldwell, Turner, Wemple, Culbertson, James, Atkinson, Hatch.

Public Lands—Messrs. Cobb, Scales, Oates, Shaw, Lewis, Henley, Van Eaton, Belford, Strait, Anderson, Payson, Brents.

Indian Affairs—Messrs. Wellborn, Graves, Stevens, Peel, Pearce of Tennessee, Finerty, Skinner, Smith, George, Perkins, Nelson, Oury.

Territories—Messrs. Evins, Pryor, Arnot, Hardeman, Langham, Alexander, Carlton, Foran, J. D. Taylor, Kellogg, Johnson, Laurence, Struble, Post.

Manufacturers—Messrs. Bagley, G. D. Wise, Mitchell, Cauldwell, Crisp, Murray, Lewis, Brewer, Mackey, Ellwood, Campbell.

Mines and Mining—Messrs. Warner, Cassidy, Alexander, Skinner, Mills of Texas, Wood, Stevens, White, Breitung, Culbertson, O'Hara, Singleer.

Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River—Messrs. King, Dunn, O'Neill, Post, Campbell, Jones, Henley, Thomas, J. S. Wise, Hovey, Whiting.

Militia—Messrs. Muller of New York, Cox of North Carolina, Covington, McAdoo, Peel, Boyle, Ballentyne, Strait, Morey, Valentine, Cutcheon.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Messrs. Stocklager, Young, Dibble, Reese, Hopkins, Pusey, Wemple, Worthington, Brainerd, Holton, Kean of New Jersey Breitung, Milliken.

Pacific Railroad—Messrs. Cassidy, Throckmorton, Cobb, Thompson, Jones, Crisp, Post, Wilson, Millard, Dunham, Hanback.

Patents—Messrs. Vance, Singleton, Mitchell, Greenleaf, Halsell, Dargan, Winans, Hepburn, Morey, Atkinson, Rice.

Education—Messrs. Aiken, Converse, Willis, Budd, Arnot, Duncan, Winans, Taylor, Milliken, Hatch, Morrill.

Invalid Pensions—Messrs. Watson, Lefevre, Fyan, Winans, Budd, Sumner, Patton, Lovering, Bagley, Ray, Cullen, Houk, J. S. Wise, Holmes, Morrill.

Pensions—Messrs. Hewitt of Alabama, Tillman, Robinson, Lefevre, Stocklager, Jones, Wolford, Steele, Laird, Struble, York.

Labor—Messrs. Hopkins, O'Neill, Foran, Lovering, Mackey, James, Haynes.

Private Land Claims—Messrs. Muldrow, Mutchler, Wildams, Halsell, Cosgrove, Eldridge, Lowry, Payson, Parker, Mayo, Weaver.

District of Columbia—Messrs. Barbour, Muldrow, Shelley, Eldridge, Wilson, Fiedler, Springer, Barr, Guenther, McComar, Jeffords of Mississippi.

Claims—Messrs. McMillan of Tennessee, Dowd, Tillman, Warner, Van Alstyne, Dockery, Wood, Love, Snyder, Ray of New Hampshire, Price, Ochiltree, Elwood, Brown, Ray of New York.

War Claims—Messrs. Geddes, Jones, Stone, Tulley, Rogers, Weller, Ferrell, Kellogg, Everhart, Rowell, Bowen.

Revision of Laws—Messrs. Oates, Buchanan, McMillan of Tennessee, Hill, Clay, Ward, Hemphill, Brown, Payne, Spooner, McComas.

Expenditures on Public Buildings—Messrs. Belmont, Wilkins, Spriggs, Sumner, Homer, Weaver, O'Hara.

Public Health—Messrs. Beach, Graves, Riggs, Candler, Fiedler, Davis, Evans, Libbey, Pettibone.

Rules—The Speaker, Blackburn, Randall, Keifer, Reed.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Reform in the Civil Service—Messrs. Mutchler, Cox of New York, Clements, Hoblitzell, Finerty, Barksdale, Seymour, Robertson, Bingham, Phelps, Millard, Lyman, Hitt.

Alcoholic Liquor Tariff—Messrs. Hill, Bland, Kleiner, Carleton, Evans, Davis, Guenther, Goff, Campbell.

American Shipbuilding and Shipowning—Messrs. Slocum, Deuster, Dibble, Throckmorton, Hunt, Findlay, Love, Dingley, O'Neill, George Long.

On Law Respecting Election of President and Vice-President—Messrs. Eaton, Springer, Clay, Jourdan, Pryor, Bennett, Kleiner, Findlay, Parker, White, Peters, Hart, Wait.

EL MAHDI AND GUM ARABIC.

How the Rebellion in the Soudan is Causing a Rise in the Price of Candy.

The toothsome gumdrop and the rubberlike marshmallow will soon be an expensive luxury, and all because the "False Prophet," thousands of miles away, is stirring up a rebellion in the Soudan. Pure gum arabic composes over thirty per cent. of all the best confectionery and comes almost exclusively from the Soudan. Khartoum is its great market. It is brought there by the natives and bartered to merchants from Cairo and Suakim for guns, cartridges, trinkets and other articles dear to the heart of a savage. Once a year, during October and November, when the Nile is at its highest, the yield is floated down on barges to Cairo, and thence shipped to the four principal markets of the world—London, Paris, Marseilles and New York. A small part is taken overland on camels to Suakim, about a three months' trip. The unit of commerce is a bale containing 500 pounds. The European consumption every year is 12,000 of these bales, while America consumes half as many.

Since El Mahdi has been disaffecting the Soudan the price of gum has steadily been going up, and from the usual price of eight or ten cents a pound it has now risen to twenty, and there is little to buy at that. No crop was brought in during the year past, and unless the insurrection is quelled within the course of three months there will be none next. The Cairo merchants of course will not send their money into the Soudan in its present state, even could their agents get there safely. Besides this, there is very little to bring out, as none has been gathered during the past year.

The Soudan negroes, having very little of the Yankee thrift, will not work unless they can see an immediate return for their labor. As El Obeid is already occupied and Khartoum is likely to be soon, there is no chance of bringing the crop out by water, and an overland freightage would be most expensive, taking a caravan nearly a year to make the trip between Khartoum and Cairo. Even then a bale would be a heavy load for a camel.

Nearly all of last year's crop was destroyed by the Egyptian army while they were in Khartoum. The bales of gum were piled in large pens waiting for the fall rise in the river to be shipped to Cairo. The army being short of grain bags dumped the gum on the ground and appropriated the bales. Of course the next rain washed thousands of dollars into the soil of Khartoum. A Cairo merchant writing to a firm in New York city says that the price of gum is almost fabulous, and that there are three buyers to every invoice. Several London and Marseilles firms have already made fortunes out of the sudden rise. In a few weeks gum arabic will probably be quoted as high as fifty cents a pound. At that rate candy will be worth almost its weight in gold.

Why is a locomotive like beefsteak? Because it's good for nothing without its tender.

Book-Keeping on the Farm.

The successful farmer manages his business by business principles. He keeps strict accounts of all transactions, and always knows that his income exceeds his outlay. The farmer can no more achieve a money success on the farm without an accurate record of business transactions than can the shopkeeper. The man who keeps strict accounts knows just what he is worth, and the amount he can afford to spend from month to month, without interfering with his business. He appreciates the labor a dollar represents, and will be cautious that each dollar is spent for returns worth that amount to him.

The cost of the necessary books for keeping accounts is small and an hour spent, say two evenings in each week, will be sufficient on most farms for making the records. All purchases and sales, with the dates and prices, whether paid for, or bought or sold on credit should be noted. A record, too, of the work done and the weather for each month will be found of value. All special business transactions ought also to be carefully noted.

Many farmers are deterred from book-keeping because they are not furnished with the science. For this class are provided and for sale by leading stationers, form account books with printed headings for the various departments of the farm business that render the keeping of accounts an easy matter. For the ordinary farmer there need be but one book and that in the form of a merchant's cash-book. This book may be kept by placing on the left-hand page all debts, and on the oposite one all credits. From these two pages a balance can be obtained any time the farmer desires to know how the accounts stand.

A difficulty with many beginners in bookkeeping is to determine just what to charge, and for what to give credit. Mr. Waring, on this subject, gives the following rule: "When you let your neighbor or he with whom you deal, have anything from you, it is a charge against him, and you must charge him with it on the debit side of the account, but when you receive anything from him, it is a credit, and you must credit him with it on the credit side of the account." If you sell your neighbor a load of hay which he does not pay for when delivered, he becomes your debtor for the value of the hay. You buy a cow, without paying cash, of another neighbor, that neighbor becomes your creditor for the price of the cow. Accounts can be kept with crops, fields or animals in the same manner. A crop is debtor to the use of the land and expense of preparing it, the value of the seed and cost of planting or sowing, to the expenses of cultivation, harvesting and marketing, and credited by the amount of money received for what is sold and the value of the portion used at home. A cow is debtor to her first cost, interest on money invested, and the expenses of keeping; and credited by the value of her calves and milk.

A good plan is to open the book with an account of the farm. On the left-hand page enter the present cash valuation of the farm, the cash valuation of farm implements thereon and all new tools and machinery bought and repairs made during the year. On the right-hand page enter the amount received for implements sold, etc. Next open accounts with each field, also with the sheep, dairy cattle, etc. Each of these accounts will show its gains or losses from which to decide future management. At the end of the year place on the right-hand side of the farm account a fair valuation of the farm and farm implements, balance up the field and cattle accounts and carry the balances to the farm account. You will then know whether you are richer or poorer than at the beginning of the year, also just where the losses were sustained or profits made. In a word, the account with the farm will show to the utmost farthing how much money has been lost or gained, and the following accounts with various fields or departments, which of them has been most profitable and which the least.

If care be taken to have the account-book and pen and ink in a convenient place for use the farmer will find it but little trouble to keep it posted. Where diversified farming is practiced on an extended scale a day-book and ledger will be found more convenient than the ordinary cash-book

The simple principles of bookkeeping are now taught in many of the schools and should be in all. Let the boys and girls avail themselves of the opportunity to learn these; then intrust one of them with the responsibility of bookkeeping, if for any reason writing is a tedious occupation to the older folks. By one means or another try the plan at least of keeping a short account of expenditures and income one year. January 1st is a good time to begin, and the resultant benefits will prove such, no doubt, as to insure another year a careful account with all individuals with whom a credit business is done, with the crops, the field and the stock, and an account record of all the money received and paid.

MONEY and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.

THE deeper you hide anything the sooner you find it.

MARKET NOTES.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The Wholesale New York market quotations show:

BEEVES—Prime, $4.50@$4.75; fair to good, $2.50@$2.55 per bushel.

BUTTER—New York sold at 41@42c. for choice in pails, and 18@19c. common to good. Western Creamery sold at 35@36c., and the common Western at 17@18c.

CHEESE—Factory fancy, 12¾@13c; do. fair to good, 10@12c.

EGGS—Quotations ranged from 28c. for ordinary, to 32c. for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

FLOUR—Superfine, $2.80@$3.10; Western, $4.05@$7.10; extra New York, $3.85@$6.00.

HAY—Shipping, 50@55c.; clover, 45@60c., salt, 60c; straw, 50@55c.

HOPS—New York, 15@28c.; Eastern, 18@24c; yearlings, 20@25c; olds, —@—.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 7¾c; crude, 6⅞@7¼c in bulk; in barrels, 8¾c; naphtha, 6¾c. in shipping order, and 11½@12c. in cases.

PORK—Clear back, $17.75@$18.50; dressed hogs, 7¾@7¾c.

WHEAT—Spring No. 3, $1.02@$1.06; Milwaukee, No. 2, $1.03; amber, $1.32@$2.40; white, $1.05@$1.13½.

CORN—Ungraded Western Mixed, 49@66⅝c; Steamer Mixed, 57@57½c. in elevator. 63c. delivered; No. 2, 67¾@70c. in elevator, 70@70½c delivered; White Southern, 67c. delivered.

RYE—State, 74@75c.

WOOL—Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia, xxx, 45@46c.; xx, 42@44c.; x, 42@43c.; No. 1, 45@47c.; No. 2, 38@40c.; common, 33@35c.; New York and Western xx and x, 39@45½c.; No. 1, 44@45c.

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

FLOUR—State family, —@$5.00; rye flour, $3.50@$3.62½; wheat, State, $—@$1.15½; amber, $1.43; corn, yellow, 55c.; mixed States 62c.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 7¾c.; crude, 6¼c.

WOOL—State and Western xx, 46@50c.; x, 47@48c.; medium, 50@51c.; coarse, 45c.

BOSTON MARKET.

FLOUR—From $3.00@$3.50 for low and medium, to $4.25@5.75 for choice Minnesota. Corn, 72@74c. for mixed and yellow.

BUTTER—Common, 18c.@22c.; Vermont dairy, 24@30c.; choice creamery, 33@38c.

CHEESE—12@13c.

BEANS—$3.15@$3.20.

HAY—Choice, $16@$17.

CATTLE MARKETS.

BUFFALO—Cattle, good quality, $5.15@$5.70; hogs, fair to good, $5.30@$5.15; best, $6.50.

EAST LIBERTY, PENN.—Best cattle, $6.50@$6.65; medium to good, $6.00@$6.50; common to fair, $5.00@$6.00; Hogs, Yorkers, $4.30@$4.50; Philadelphias, $5.00@$5.10. Sheep, $5.25@$5.50.

WATERTOWN, MASS.—Cattle, choice, $——@$10.25; extra, $8.75@$9.00; first quality, $7.25@$8.00; second quality, $5.25@$7.00; third quality, $4.25@$5.00. Sheep and lambs—wool sheep, $2.75@$4.75; extra, $5.00@$5.50; spring lambs, 6@6¾c; Veal calves, 3½c@7½c.

That Settled It.

Mr. Julian in his political reminiscenses tells this story: A committee of Western men, it seems, headed by Lovejoy, had procured from Mr. Lincoln an important order looking to the transfer of Eastern and Western soldiers with a view to more effective work. Repairing to the office of the Secretary of War, Mr. Lovejoy explained his scheme, and, to his astonishment, was met with a flat refusal. "But we have the President's order, sir," said Lovejoy. "Did Lincoln give you an order of that kind?" said Stanton. "He did, sir." "Then he is an infernal fool," said the irate Secretary. "Do you mean to say the President is a fool?" asked Lovejoy, in amazement. "Yes, sir, if he gave you such an order as that." The bewildered statesman from Illinois betook himself forthwith to the President, and proceeded to relate the result of his conference. "Did Stanton say I was an infernal fool?" asked Lincoln at the close of the recital. "He did, and repeated it." After a moment's pause, and looking up, the President said: "If Stanton said I was a fool, then I must be one, for he is nearly always right, and generally says what he means. I will step over and see him."

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Maryland to the Front.

The Hon. Oden Bowie, Ex-Governor of Maryland, President of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Co., also President of the Maryland Jockey Club, says: "Both in my family, and in my private stables, as well as those of the City Passenger Railway Co., I have for several years used St. Jacobs Oil most satisfactorily." Such a statement ought to convince every reader of this paper.

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It will be seen by the following letter from Rev. CHARLES PIKE, of Waterbury, Conn., that men oftentimes representing the highest callings are brought by disease and sickness to a level with all classes. Medical and professional men generally dislike to countenance proprietary medicines except in extreme cases. However, the case of Mr. Pike is an exception to the general rule. He believes it a duty to suffering humanity to publish to the world the merits of a good article as well as to instruct a few spiritually:

I regard it a duty as well as a privilege to give my testimony in support of so valuable an article as Hunt's Remedy. I have used it with great satisfaction, and consider it the very best medicine in use. I am fifty-seven (57) years of age, and though a native of Boston have spent many years in the South and a number in Connecticut. From the nature of my calling I am constantly